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BSI: \$25M to add 119 rooms



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Best Sunshine International, Ltd. plans to boost its investment on its Grand Mariana Casino & Hotel Resort at the Samoan Housing area in Garapan from \$165 million to \$190 million by augmenting the project with another 119 rooms, making it a 373-room casino resort.

» **Zoning Board OKs plan to increase to 373 rooms for \$190M Grand Mariana project**

The CNMI Zoning Board on Monday night unanimously approved Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's request to amend its previous conditional use permit in order to increase the number of rooms for the project, increase the height, and decrease the number

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This artist's rendition shows Best Sunshine's \$190-million Grand Mariana Casino & Hotel Resort project at the Samoan Housing area in Garapan. The CNMI Zoning Board approved Best Sunshine's request to increase the project's room number to 373 rooms, increase the structure's height, and decrease the number of parking spaces.

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More than 8,700 register for FEMA aid

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A total of 8,775 households applied for individual assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, just as the registration period closed on Monday afternoon.

According to the latest data from the agency, 4,496 applications and \$22.5 million in assistance were ap-

proved so far.

Applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration also closed on Monday.

As of that day, 189 loan applications were approved, bringing the total amount of approved loans to more than \$10.4 million, according to data given by SBA public informa-

tion officer Bill Koontz.

Home loans account for 144 of the total approved applications, of which \$4.9 were loaned out. More than \$5.5 million was approved for the 45 business or economic injury disaster

loans.

With the registration period closed, the Disaster Recovery Center at the

Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe will be closing on Friday at 5pm. After that day, FEMA representatives will no longer be there.

Those who need assistance with their FEMA applications may call the toll-free number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for survivors with hearing disabilities.

In DRC's place, U.S. SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center.

"SBA is going to open next Tuesday what we call a Disaster Loan

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» **DRC closing on Friday; DLOC to open**

CUC board members clash on personnel directives

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A Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board member questioned his fellow board members yesterday over a recent decision to open up five new positions each on Tinian and Rota and two for Saipan, urging that a cost-benefit analysis be

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Local



MVA joins biggest Japanese travel show

The Marianas Visitors Authority joined representatives of 141 other international countries and regions and 47 prefectures of Japan at the JATA Tourism EXPO 2015, Japan's largest annual travel show, on Sept. 24-27, 2015.

The number of attendees increased 10 percent this year compared to last, exceeding 173,000 attendees. JATA Tourism EXPO 2015 was held at Tokyo Big Sight and attracted national tourism agencies, airlines, hotels, travel agencies, cruise companies, other tourism professionals and the traveling public. Exhibitors provided the latest tourism information to visitors and professional members of the travel trade. This year, over 40,000 attendees joined the event on the travel trade day on Sept. 25, while over 64,000 and 62,000 consumers joined the second and third days of the event, respectively.

"JATA Tourism Expo re-

mains on the top of the MVA's list of annual marketing shows in Japan, due

to its wide popularity with the general public and travel trade representatives," said

MVA deputy director Judy Torres. "This year, not only was there an increase in the

number of attendees but there were also more visitors entering the Northern Marianas

booth. This was largely due to a booth design reflecting our island lifestyle and cultural demonstrations including coconut oil production, *mwar* making, and banana printing."

Nearly 6,000 people also participated in the trade and media meeting on Sept. 25, 2015, including a delegation from the MVA. The event is organized by Japan Travel and Tourism Association and Japan Association of Travel Agents.

JATA Tourism EXPO is internationally recognized as one of the largest travel events in the world and presents Japan as a tourism nation to the world, further developing outbound, inbound, and domestic travel by bringing together the combined strengths of not only the tourism industry but all industries in Japan and its local communities. JATA Tourism EXPO provides opportunities for travel professionals to exchange travel information and conduct effective business meetings, while inspiring consumers through the power of travel. (MVA)



The JATA Tourism EXPO 2015 was held on Sept. 24-27, 2015, in Tokyo. Marianas Visitors Authority reached out to over 173,000 consumers, travel trade reps, and media reps who attended the travel show.



The Marianas Visitors Authority demonstrates coconut oil production at the JATA Tourism EXPO 2015 on Sept. 24-27, 2015, in Tokyo.



Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman, Miss Northern Mariana Islands Jian Joyner, and Brand USA/B-FOR representative Michelle McArtor at the JATA Tourism EXPO 2015 on Sept. 24-27, 2015, in Tokyo.



Pacific Development Inc., and the Marianas Visitors Authority demonstrate banana printing and *mwar* making at the JATA Tourism EXPO 2015 on Sept. 24-27, 2015, in Tokyo.



Saipan-da plays paper-scissors-rock with a young visitor at the JATA Tourism EXPO 2015, which was held on Sept. 24-27, 2015, in Tokyo.

Corruption charges vs Mondala filed anew

The Office of the Attorney General has refiled the criminal case against former Office of Aging

director Rose DLG. Mondala in connection with charges that she used the Aging Office's funds

and materials for the needs of the Covenant Party during the 2009 elections and to build a

fence at her house in Kagman.

Assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley filed the in-

formation charging 70-year-old Mondala with 41 counts of corruption charges.

Baisley charged Mondala with 22 counts of forgery; six counts of misconduct in public office; eight counts of use of public supplies, time, and personnel for campaign activities; two counts of use of public position to obtain benefits for business or social acquaintances; one count of theft of services; one count of theft; and one count of use of office, staff or employees of a public office for personal benefit.

These are the same charges that then-Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback filed against Mondala as a special assistant attorney general.

In September 2014, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo dismissed the case, ruling that the appointment of Hasselback as special assistant attorney general in the matter

violates the separation of powers doctrine.

Govendo dismissed the case without prejudice, which means a new case can be refiled on the same claim or allegations in the future.

Govendo ruled that the attorney general violated the separation of powers by delegating general prosecutorial powers to members of an agency that has no such legislatively created authority.

The allegations against Mondala relate to a period between June 15, 2009, and Dec. 10, 2010, while she was the director of the Office of Aging.

Mondala has not been served yet with the summons to appear in court and answer the charges. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Wiseman sets trial date for Ogumoro, 2 co-defendants

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The delayed criminal case against former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro and his two co-defendants now has a date for a jury trial.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ordered Ogumoro, former Commonwealth Ports Authority police chief Jordon Kosam, and former CPA police captain John T. Rebuenog to appear at the trial on Jan. 18, 2016.

Wiseman set the pretrial conference for Dec. 23, 2015.

The judge pointed out that the case has been delayed for 10 months now.

At a trial setting conference last week, Ogumoro appeared with his lawyer, Edward Arriola. Rebuenog appeared with his counsel, Daniel Guidotti, on behalf of attorney Colin Thompson.

Kosam's counsel, Joaquin Torres, appeared. Kosam's presence was waived as he is currently off-island. Last December, he asked the court for permission to travel to Denver, Colorado, where he

has been hired as a truck driver.

The CNMI Supreme Court recently issued an order that lifted its previous order staying or suspending the trial proceedings in this matter.

The high court suspended the trial proceedings in November last year while it reviewed Ogumoro's petition for writ of mandamus or prohibition.

Ogumoro's petition had sought to prevent Wiseman from presiding over his criminal case for his alleged role in shielding then-attorney general Edward Buckingham from being served

with penal summons in 2012.

Last Sept. 11, the CNMI Supreme Court issued an order finding that Ogumoro did not demonstrate that an extraordinary remedy such as a writ of mandamus or prohibition is warranted.

Ogumoro is facing 15 counts of criminal charges.

The case against three other co-defendants has already been resolved. Former governor Benigno R. Fitial pleaded guilty, while Buckingham was convicted during a bench trial. The case against Fitial's former personal driver and bodyguard, Jermaine Joseph W. Nekaifes, was dismissed.

Ex-convict who siphoned fuel is ordered to do relief work

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio has ordered ex-convict Benter J. Castro to perform 200 hours of community service toward Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts for siphoning fuel from two vans just weeks after the typhoon shattered the island.

Kim-Tenorio sentenced the 40-year-old Castro to one year in prison, all suspended except for 40 days with credit for time served. He was placed on probation for one year. He was required to pay restitution to Xin Li Zhao in the amount of \$50

before the end of his probation.

Castro was also ordered to complete substance abuse counseling and pay a \$100 fine, \$25 court costs, and \$100 probation fee.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Castro with theft and criminal mischief. He and counsel signed a plea deal, with the government represented by assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas. He pleaded guilty to theft; the government dropped the criminal mischief charge.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, Castro

stole 5 gallons of gasoline belonging to Xin Li Zhao on Aug. 25, 2015, on Saipan. The case against Castro's co-defendant, Vincent P. Cabrera, is pending in court.

According to court papers, Castro and Cabrera smoked methamphetamine or "ice" prior to siphoning fuel from two vans.

Police detective Edward M. Cepeda disclosed in his report that Cabrera admitted to siphoning gasoline from a van at Resta Horizon Apartments in Sadog Tasi and from another van at the Sandy Beach Homes in Chalan Kanoa last Aug. 25. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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Guam weavers say beetles could destroy traditional craft



FIRST POST-TYPHOON VISITOR

An island-hopping world traveler who has visited over 100 countries, Maxine McDonald of Sanford, Florida, is the first post-Typhoon Soudelor guest of the newly reopened Visitors Center at the American Memorial Park. She stopped by the center on Oct. 5.

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of parking spaces. Imperial Pacific is the mother company of Best Sunshine.

After a lengthy discussion, board member Joe Ayuyu moved to approve Imperial Pacific's amended application of its conditional use permit. Board member Bruce Bateman seconded the motion. Ayuyu, Bateman, board chair Diego Blanco, and board member Herman Sablan all agreed.

Before the discussions, Zoning administrator Therese T. Ogomoro presented Imperial Pacific's proposal to increase the original plan of 254 rooms to 373; decrease the 423 parking slots to 127; and increase the building's height from 234.7 feet to 285.4 feet or by 50.47 feet.

The Grand Mariana's structure includes beachfront villas, pools, and two casino floors. The slab tower is 14 stories high with a total height of 285.4 feet. The total gross floor area is 1.22 million square feet.

Grand Mariana is Phase 1 of Best Sunshine's \$7.1-billion integral casino resort plan in the CNMI.

At the board hearing, Sunshine International Ltd.'s chief operating officer Matt Harkness said that airlines want to bring in more flights and the only way to do that is by increasing the number of hotel rooms.

Harkness said the efficient way to do this is to add 119 mountain-view rooms without changing the structure's footprint.

"We think this is a good solution, not just to our business but to the island as a whole," he said.

Harkness noted that the very popular television show in

China, *Running Man*, is doing a great job of highlighting all of the amenities of the island.

"It's creating a ton of interest in this island," he said.

He said they also recently hosted a Chinese familiarity tour, in which tourists came with Chinese tour agents and visited different sites of the island.

"There is really great interest on this island right now," he said. "Just this addition [hotel rooms] will be huge, I believe, to the economy of Saipan."

When asked how Best Sunshine justifies increasing the number of rooms while decreasing parking spaces, Harkness said their guests won't be renting cars because Best Sunshine will be supplying the transportation.

"They're taking buses so there is not a great need for parking," Harkness said, adding that they will be installing mechanical parking system in the basement to double parking spaces.

Christopher F. Fryling, president of contractor N15 Architects, explained how the mechanical parking system works.

Ayuyu said he wants Best Sunshine to work with the Department of Public Works in ensuring the safety of tourists walking in the area.

"As far as traffic, it's very congested there already. A partnership with DPW would be better for us," Ayuyu said.

Imperial Pacific legal counsel Viola Alepuyo assured that that is part of the conditions for their major siting permit. She said one of the conditions is to improve the traffic in the Garapan area, all the way to Micro Beach Road that leads to Micro Beach, and all the way to Garapan street south of Duty Free. She said Imperial Pacific will design, build, and finance the project—all

approved by DPW.

When asked if there is any plan to rebury the human bones recovered at the Samoan Housing site, Alepuyo said they are actually awaiting the test results. She disclosed that some artifacts and some remains were sent to different laboratories for carbon dating and DNA testing.

"We are hoping that the DNA test will show us how the CNMI was populated," she said.

Alepuyo said the remains and artifacts are currently kept in a climate-controlled secured room approved by archaeologists.

"As soon as the tests are done, we are hoping by the end of October we can schedule with Historic Preservation Office for a public hearing to give an opportunity for the public to hear the reports of the findings that were made during the archaeological dig as well as all the lab results," she said.

Alepuyo said at that point, HPO will then take into account public comments on what should be done with the remains.

If the public wants a monument to be built at the site and as long as HPO approves it, that will be done, she said.

"My client has already said that it's whatever the public deems best, they want to do it as long as it is approved by HPO," she said.

Caryn Deleon Guerrero, a table game manager at Best Sunshine, said she believes that Saipan needs more hotel rooms that should be of high standards.

After working for 15 years in a casino in Washington State, Deleon Guerrero moved back to Saipan less than two months ago. She said she and her partner went to every hotel and drove to every apartment soon after Typhoon Soudelor but no rooms were available.

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam's traditional weavers say they're worried that their craft could disappear if invasive coconut rhino beetles continue to destroy local trees.

The rhino beetles dig into the heart of coconut trees to eat and pass through undeveloped leaves. The damaged leaves grown in a V shape that makes them unsuitable for weaving, reported the *Pacific Daily News*.

Weavers say they are already having a hard time finding leaves, and the beetles are so widespread that the island will have to import coconut leaves from its neighbors for the Festival of Pacific Arts in 2016. Boats from the Northern Marianas would need to drop off fresh leaves every other day, weavers told the *Pacific Daily News*.

"For all the weavers that are coming, we doubt that we have enough," said Rose San Nicolas, who weaves at the Inarajan cultural village of GefPa'go.

"We had to stay in my parents' house for a month. We currently live in an apartment that has no power and water," she said.

Liana Hofschneider, founder of the Council of Chamorro Advancement, said she is not against Best Sunshine but that the project's site is an ancient burial site.

Hofschneider cited a recent news article about the bones of World War II U.S. soldiers that were found in Garapan and that federal personnel came in and properly took care of them "because it's the right thing to do."

However, she said she is disturbed that there was not much attention to the finding of Dr. Michael Dega of the Scientific Consultant Services Inc. that they found 333 burials at the site, 332 of which are suspected to be pre-contact.

"It's an ancient burial ground and we are still going to approve a development over a burial ground?" she asked.

Hofschneider said Zoning should go back to the 2004 recommendation for the place to be turned into a museum, a burial and memorial park for ancient Chamorros "so that everyone of our generation of Chamorro children can honor, have a place to honor their ancestors and for tourists to come and know who we are and what we are as the first people of this island."

She said there are a lot of vacant lands for Best Sunshine to build its hotel and casino.

Blanco said it's not over yet in regards to the preservation and honoring of ancestral discoveries.

"That's beyond our jurisdiction. We're the Zoning board," Blanco said.

At this juncture, Ayuyu moved to approve the amended application.

San Nicolas can point out a few trees at GefPa'go that weavers used to climb daily. She said it was easy, before, to climb up and get a day's supply of leaves.

Now none of the trees has useable leaves.

She said she's lucky to find one good tree for every 10 trees she inspects.

James Bamba, who weaves at SagganKotturanChamoru

in Tumon, said he now has to make 30- to 40-minute treks along the beach and sometimes into the jungle to find leaves.

It's particularly difficult, said Bamba, to make big items like hats or baskets without good leaves.

"I see in the next 10 years I probably won't be weaving. I know it sounds so grim or dismal, but it's not by choice," he said.

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Outreach Center," Koontz said.

SBA representatives will be available at the center to meet individually with residents and business owners to answer their questions, explain SBA's disaster loan program, help them complete their applications, and close their approved disaster loans.

"We'll be doing the exact same thing we've been doing. We'll be talking to disaster loan

applicants, helping them close their loans and so forth," he added.

DLOC will open on Oct. 13, following the Commonwealth Cultural Day this coming Monday, which is a legal holiday.

Those who have SBA-related questions or need assistance can visit DLOC on Mondays through Fridays only from 9am to 6pm.

Koontz said the SBA may be at the DLOC for at least two weeks or more, "as long as we need to be there to help people sign their approved loan paperwork."

CUC

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completed first to determine the positions' long-term need.

But board members fired back at David Sablan Jr.—a former board chair who is from Guam—saying he "wasn't here" and wouldn't know.

The debate centered over the board's directive in August to open five new positions each on Rota and Tinian, and two on Saipan, in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

Sablan, during a meeting yesterday, urged that a cost-benefit analysis be done to see the need for the positions. The ongoing advertisements for the positions could still go forward to create a list when a need appears for the long term, he said.

In terms of "need," Sablan appeared to be questioning board members on whether there was an increase in power generation or revenue generating capacity on Rota and Tinian that would warrant this need.

To his points, board director Alberto Taitano, from Rota, said they have already advertised the positions and should move forward "instead of trying to stall."

"This discussion should have been made on the floor," Taitano said. Sablan was not at that previous August meeting, where Taitano also made a motion to hire a Velma Palacios to a top management position, drawing legal and management objection.

For his part, board director Eric San Nicolas, from Tinian, said he does consult with Tinian and its line crew. Pointing to growing multi-million hotel-casino developments on the island, San Nicolas urged they not wait for three to five years to open a position.

But Sablan said the positions they opened are "not what's needed on Tinian and Rota."

After further exchanges, San Nicolas appeared to grow more frustrated, urging that discussion move on.

"This discussion is over, it's done," he said, before walking away from the conference table.

"Listen to me, I have the floor," Sablan said. "Under Robert's rules I have the floor."

That remark drew a loud groan from board director Joe Torres.

Sablan went on to say the positions "must be assessed now to make sure we are not spending money or hiring people that we don't really need."

"Director Sablan, we need the positions in Rota," Taitano fired back. "You have no business with Rota's business."

Board chair Adelina Roberto then urged that they discuss the matter in an executive session.

"We are not a Rota power company," Sablan said. "We are the CUC power company," Sablan said.

"I don't care!" Taitano retorted. "Stop trying to answer about Rota."

"Madame chair, any discussion we have on this issues must be had with reason and decorum," Sablan urged. "You are attacking me because I am trying to be reasonable about how we spend our funds here at CUC. You people are just trying to hire people left and right. It's seems like [that] is the most priority for you rather the system and that has to be addressed."

Taitano noted that CUC's chief financial officer had said that funding for personnel decisions was no issue, but Sablan said the question is if the need is there.

Board members motioned for and went on recess shortly afterwards.

Palacios balks at feds' endangered species listing

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The chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign and Federal Relations believes the federal government's recent decision to list 23 species under the Endangered Species Act is bad policy, saying it ignores science on the ground and will impact the limited

AmeriCares assisting CHCC and providing home visits to survivors

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Saipan just entered its third month of recovery from Typhoon Soudelor, yet many residents still need a lot of help to weather the challenges brought by the island's strongest storm in 30 years.

One group in particular, AmeriCares, is providing medical care to those in need and has been able to provide care for almost three weeks non-stop. It is working in collaboration with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., federal agencies, emergency response agencies, and community based organizations.

AmeriCares is an emergency response and global health organization. The group that is here on Saipan is being coordinated by AmeriCares emergency response manager Kate Dischino.

AmeriCares currently has one doctor, Dr. Susan Herson, who goes on home visits, while other responders within the group help out at the Commonwealth Health Center or the mobile clinic that CHCC provides on Saturday afternoons with the Community Outreach Recovery Efforts group.

Dischino said they also have a physician assistant, a family nurse practitioner, and seven registered nurses.

Herson said they are currently helping out at the Community Guidance Center in providing home visits to patients.

"CGC made a list of about 21 families in need and have identified some medical problems and had promised some indemnity because they are in difficult circumstances. Maybe because they are not under insurance or maybe they aren't even citizens. So we have a geographic area and had a list put together," Herson said.

Dischino said the CGC had gone to the community to offer referrals but since they don't have medical expertise, they approached AmeriCares if there is any way to partner up.

Herson noted that they always go out in a team with two counselors from CGC because they knew where the survivors are.

"Always with permission. I would always say hello and I say that I am from the mainland and if I can offer some medical

opportunities for land development on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) said he is disappointed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which proposes and finalizes the ESA listing.

"There is a cause of concern when our own national concerns are dictating policy that—to some local scien-

help. Everybody, except one so far, has been very accepting and very happy," Herson said.

Herson carries at least three packages filled with medical supplies such as a blood pressure cuff of two different sizes for hypertension screening and a glucometer for diabetes testing. She also brings prescriptions, rash creams, lotions, powders, and other medical supplies upon request.

"I have a prescription pad. As long as they are willing to give their name and date of birth, I go back to the hospital and fill all their prescriptions and go back to the family. I deliver their prescriptions last for at least 30 days and sometimes 60 days," she said.

"My plan this week is to see what has happened with the diabetes, blood pressure, and sugar and see if it has improved," she added.

Herson also provides information about continued care at the Family Care Clinic.

She said that Dr. Beth Lin is available at FCC for ongoing care so she gives families a pamphlet and a phone number. "So anybody can come and there is paperwork to fill up, it is on a sliding fee, it won't be free, but at least they have continued care when we return to the mainland," she said.

Herson cited two things that everyone needs to be aware about after a typhoon: mold problems that could potentially increase asthma attacks and fungal rashes.

So far she has delivered an albuterol inhaler to a woman and showed her how to use the inhaler. This was because she had mold in her bedroom.

"That is a case that a person didn't have asthma before the storm," she said.

"One other problem is fungal rashes. The lack of electricity makes the homes very moist and fungal infections love moisture and warmth. The combination puts it under the breasts, the groin, and for babies under the chin."

She has already seen about 15 on the CGC's list but wants to see at least all of them. She has also seen more than 50 patients during the Saturday clinics.

Dischino said that although AmeriCares is here until Oct. 15, Herson will be leaving on Oct. 13.

tists—are based on sketchy and even bad science," Palacios said in an interview.

The CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources has disagreed with the listing of several species under the Endangered Species Act—particularly plant species on Rota—asserting that "no evidence" has shown that they warrant listing.

Scientists under the local Division of Fish and Wildlife do not believe the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has met the burden of proof to warrant the listing.

Palacios, a former DLNR secretary and has worked under DFW, said the listing will have a "lasting impact" on the community, especially on

Rota, where many of these plant species are found. While the Service has not yet designated "critical habitat" for these species, this is expected.

Palacios explained that if a local CIP project were to use federal funds, they would have to do an environmental impact assessment. If the project occurs where the plant species are found, federal law enforces the "setting aside of public lands for species."

But Palacios notes that there is no federal land on Rota to be set aside, just public lands.

He called the mitigation process a "back-door policy to set aside land in perpetuity."

"There seems to be a new paradigm in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [in] not really caring what the community" thoughts are—"these are people who live with these species, they are the ones on the ground," he said. "And they also have to have a buy-in."

When U.S. Fish and Wildlife first proposed the listing and held public hearings on Saipan, community members, scientists, and local officials balked at the proposal.

Kristi Young, USFW deputy field supervisor, told *Saipan Tribune* in February that once a species is proposed for list-

ing, it "doesn't automatically guarantee" listing. Another official assured they would seek the "best available scientific data" and "rely on the locals" like farmers and scientists for their input.

But DLNR and DFW said in February that their surveys found "no evidence" for the listing of plant species like the *Dendrobium guamense*, *Bulbophyllum guamense*, *Nervilia jacksoniae*, *Maesa walkeri*, and *Solanum guamense*.

Palacios says the Service has made the public hearings and meetings "a formality."

"An administrative formality," he added. "And this was always an intention on their part to do."



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CUC hits 26MW peak; highest since Soudelor

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power grid hit a 26-megawatt peak this week—the highest its been since Typhoon Soudelor, according to CUC officials yesterday, as the public utility continues work on the island's lateral power lines after restoring power to the main distribution lines on Sunday.

The daily average peak hovers around 19 to 20 MW.

The 25.7-MW peak this week was the maximum consumption the grid has seen since Typhoon Soudelor wrecked the power, transmission, and distribution systems in August.

It's a good sign because it shows that CUC has hit 25.7

MW out of a 34-MW peak—the highest number before the typhoon. This means more customers are online and bigger loads are coming on.

On the repair of lateral lines, acting CUC executive director John Riegel said CUC crews are first going into areas with larger populations like Dandan, Kagman, Garapan, Chalan Kanoa, and other highly populated areas.

"Those areas will be first," Riegel told *Saipan Tribune*. From there, CUC will move to laterals that are less populous.

Riegel told CUC board members during a meeting yesterday that they ordered more transformers to "accelerate the speed we can hook up" power lines.

CUC has recovered 635

damaged transformers. Over a thousand "reconditioned" transformers are en route to Saipan.

Riegel assured board members, when asked, that the transformers are "PCB-free." He said a first order of transformers would have taken two months before they could get to the island, but CUC found another

vendor who could provide reconditioned transformers in two weeks.

On water, Riegel told *Saipan Tribune* that the total volume they are producing is about 78 percent of maximum production. Riegel said 71 percent of wells are online and are pumping water.

Kia'aina visits CUC

Esther Kia'aina, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, met with Riegel yesterday afternoon.

Riegel said her biggest questions were how CUC fared during the storm and what plans for mitigation do

they have to harden their facility so there would be no repeat of damage.

Kia-aina wanted to "make sure we are looking at things like that," said Riegel.

"She can help direct funding [for recovery and mitigation] and direct us to other sources of funding," he said.

Torres: Soudelor unveiled issues in the CNMI

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Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres

spoke before the Rotary Club of Saipan at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday, highlighting how Typhoon Soudelor re-

moved the "veil" that covered major issues in the CNMI.

"The truth is, in the many years before Typhoon Soude-

lor, your government operated on an island with a veil over the major issues of our people. This veil covered the things that were thought to be too difficult to address, too painful to look at, and so rooted in inactivity that it spells political doom to speak freely about its existence," Torres said.

"The veil was poorly constructed, however, and just as the winds of Soudelor ripped open the roofs of our homes, it tore apart our ability to hide what lay underneath," he added.

According to Torres, there are too many families in the Commonwealth that are vulnerable to natural disasters, children surviving on food stamps and school lunches, and prisoners who are sentenced and recede to crime. He added that there also too many young and idealistic minds that are forced into pessimism and cynicism "by a system they think doesn't believe in them."

Torres said that the real tragedy was not the natural disaster that occurred but "a social one."

"It is not easy to see how lives have been so damaged, not by the torrents of nature, but by our inability to speak honestly of the existence of poverty," Torres said.

Sharing his news of having their sixth child on the way, Torres spoke of how he thinks of the world his children and other children will live in.

"We owe it to [our children] to make sure the errors we have perpetuated as 'the way things are' no longer have a place in our society," Torres said.

He envisions the islands where the existence of poverty is not ignored, but eradicated.

"This is what we are striving for in this recovery stage. We are at a turning point of our great Commonwealth where we decide, here and now, if we are committed to the promise outlined in our Covenant to do our part to ensure our people achieve a standard of living equal to that of the United States," Torres said.

According to him, the administration will outline its vision for a Commonwealth of "shared opportunity" in the coming months and asked for the support of the community.

"It is time to provide for the common wealth of our Commonwealth," he said.



Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres spoke of how Soudelor showed major issues in the CNMI as well as how the administration will soon outline its vision for a Commonwealth of "shared opportunity" at the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fourteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Fiesta Resort & Spa, Azucena in Garapan, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. July 24, 2015 Special Board Meeting
- II. Public Comments¹
- III. Reports
 1. Chair
 2. Commissioner of Education
 - a. Financial Status Reports
 - i. Federal
 - ii. Local
 - iii. Updates
 - a. School opening, staffing, etc.
 - b. PSS Damages and other matters due to Typhoon Soudelor
 - c. ABC Initiatives
 - b. Head Start Program Report
 - c. Other matters
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
 1. Early Head Start Grant Application
 2. Revised PSS FY 2016 Budget Spending Plan re Appropriation Bill (P.L. 19-09)
 3. Ratifications
 - a. Education Month Proclamation
 - b. Letter to CUC re PSS Repayment Plan
 - c. Letter to House Chairman of Ways and Means re H.B. 19-59
 - d. Letter to Governor re H.B. 19-86, HD6, SD1, CCS1
 - e. Letter to Governor re S.B. 19-3
 4. CLO Report No 2015-007
- VI. Executive Session²
 1. Legal Updates
 2. Personnel/Certification
 3. Other matters
- VII. Administrative Matters
- VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting
- IX. Adjournment

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is soliciting proposals for the Bookkeeping/Accounting Services beginning fiscal year 2016. NMPASI is the designated, federally funded protection and advocacy system for persons with disabilities in the CNMI. NMPASI uses a variety of individual and systems advocacy approaches to protect people's right, including legal and administrative remedies, legislative, policy change and trainings. Proposals for the Bookkeeping/Accounting services shall be submitted to NMPASI, P.O. Box 503529, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than October 23, 2015.

The services shall be performed in compliance with the General Requirements Applicable to Federal Financial Assistance Programs including but not limited to 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards).

Award will be based on specific factors such as prior experience, technical competence, ability to meet the deadline and price in this order. The contract for this service will be awarded no later than November 6, 2015. A list of specific requirements and Agency's profile are available at NMPASI office, Gualo Rai. Any questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Mr. James Rayphand, Executive Director at Tel. No 235-7274/7273 or Email address: jrayphand@nmpasi.org.

IT&E kicks off cellular network expansion

IT&E confirmed that it has started installation work on its cellular network expansion in the CNMI. Both enhanced 4G capacity and new LTE equipment are presently being installed at the first cellular site locations around the islands. IT&E's contractor, IT&E crews and IT&E's technology partner, Ericsson, will continue to work together throughout the next few months to complete the installation work by early 2016. IT&E will install this capacity in neighboring sites to ensure the maximum benefit to its customers as these sites are activated.

"Customer demand in the CNMI for our new 4G service is causing us to double the capacity of this almost new network. As the same time, IT&E is ex-

cited to be the first to bring LTE service to the islands. LTE will provide our customers both with more data capacity and with significantly increased data speeds. IT&E is committed to providing all of our customers with the highest quality service and this new wireless network expansion will ensure that we are meeting this commitment here in the CNMI," said John M. Compton, IT&E chief operating officer. "We are very pleased that we were able to start this installation work on time and we fully expect to complete it on time." (IT&E)

IT&E contractors install equipment at a cellular site.

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Public warned of hazardous surf

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, a large north swell from Tropical Storm Choi-Wan will produce high surf for the next few days.

A high surf advisory is now in effect until 6pm Saturday along north facing reefs.

Expect hazardous surf of 9 to 11 feet along north facing reefs today, Wednesday, diminishing to 8 to 10 feet tomorrow. Surf is expected to remain hazardous through Saturday.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6am Thursday.

Fresh winds near 20 knots and seas of 9 to 11 feet will produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft tonight through Wednesday night. Seas should fall below 10 feet by early Thursday morning.

The general public is being advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those facing north as rip currents will be life threatening. (HSEM)

Last day to register for Disaster Unemployment Assistance

Oct. 19, 2015, is the last day for workers on Saipan to file for Disaster Unemployment Assistance.

DUA is available to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, and

qualified aliens who lost their jobs and self-employed individuals who have been unable to work due to damage sustained from Typhoon Soudelor. CW-1 workers and Freely Associated

States citizens do not qualify as being in an eligible immigration status and therefore they are not eligible for DUA.

Individuals on Saipan who lost work as a direct result of

Typhoon Soudelor may apply for DUA either in person, by mail or by phone. DUA applications and other forms may be obtained at either of the following location(s):

■ CNMI DOL Workforce Investment Agency Division (Capital Hill, Saipan, Bldg. No. 1215)

■ CNMI DOL Employment Services Division (Capital Hill, Saipan, Bldg. No. 1334)

Individuals applying by phone should have their social security number available when calling as well as the name and address of their last employer or prospective employer or basic informa-

tion about their business if self-employed. Phone applications can be made by calling any of the following numbers Monday through Friday between 7:30am and 4:30pm: 670-664-3156, 670-664-3157, 670-664-3190, 670-664-3195, 670-664-3196, 670-664-3197, 670-664-1704, 670-664-1705, 670-664-1707, 670-664-1708, 670-664-1757, 670-322-0996, 670-322-4365. (FEMA)

Lions Clubs to distribute free reading glasses on Saturday

In observance of the Lions Club International's Worldwide Week of Service in Sight, clubs under the District 204 Region 2 will be giving away free reading glasses on Oct. 10.

The Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club, Saipan Marianas Lions Club, and Saipan Unity Lions Club will be at the Marianas Business Plaza parking lot from 8am to 12pm or while supplies last.

"It's also one way to give

back to our community, knowing how important that we have to protect our eyesight," said SFALC president lion Anamae Adaza.

According to zone chair lion Mario Mayuga, there will be no eye check so they are hoping that those who want to avail of the glasses should know the type of reading glasses they need.

"The distribution of the reading glasses will be on first-come,

first-serve basis," he added.

The reading glasses distribution is a special international service event to help eliminate preventable blindness and improve eyesight.

The Worldwide Week of Service in Sight, which is celebrated from Oct. 4 to 10, brings Lions around the world together to help friends and neighbors with visual impairments in their local communities.

The project is also an opportunity for SFALC and SMLC to support the Lions Clubs International's goal of helping 100 million people by its 100th anniversary in 2017.

"We want to share the great things we're doing in the community, and let others know how they can help," region chair lion Ladyvir Canape said. (Frauline S. Villanueva)

Marshall Islands govt puts in \$650K to people's trust fund

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands recently contributed an additional \$650,000 to the Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. At the inception of the trust fund in 2004, the RMI government contributed \$30 million.

"We are especially pleased to see the Marshall Islands make this additional contribution to the trust fund," said Trust Fund Committee chair Nikolao Pula. "Annual supplemental contributions help ensure sustainability of the trust fund beyond 2023, to the benefit of the people of the Marshall Islands."

In 2015, the U.S. government made their scheduled annual contribution to the trust fund in the amount of \$14,534,573 and Taiwan, a subsequent contributor to the trust fund since 2005, made their annual contribution of \$2.4 million.

At the end of fiscal year 2014, the audited value of the trust fund was \$240,121,187.

The trust fund is administered by a Trust Fund Committee with members from the United States, Marshall Islands, and Taiwan governments.

The Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands was established by the Compact of Free Association, as amended, as codified in the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (U.S. Public Law 108-188, Dec. 17, 2003). The trust fund's purpose is to contribute to the economic advancement and long-term budgetary self-reliance of the RMI by providing a source of revenue for the government and the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands when certain grants under the Amended Compact of Free Association expire in 2023. (OIA)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy 21st birthday Gabi! May you enjoy your special day and have fun! Much love from Vlad and Daph.

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JKPL partners with Best Sunshine for Trunk or Treat

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The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, in partnership with Best Sunshine International Ltd., will be hosting the fourth edition of its annual Halloween Trunk-or-Treat celebration on Oct. 31.

According to JKPL outreach coordinator Celina Foreman, all interested public and private organizations are invited to decorate their vehicles' trunks with a Halloween theme of their choice. A cash prize of \$100 for the best decorated car trunk will be given away.

The event itself will take place in the library's parking lot from 4pm to 7pm and participants may arrive as early as 1pm to decorate their space. Deadline to register is Oct. 23 at 5:30pm.

Foreman, along with technical services librarian Rosalyn Ajoste and acting library director Erlinda Naputi, said they were unsure whether to push through or cancel Trunk or Treat this year after Typhoon Soudelor's destruction on island but they decided in the end to do it for the sake of the children.

"It's been two months since the typhoon and we wanted to do something to boost the mo-



The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is looking for sponsors for its Trunk or Treat event for Halloween. Best Sunshine International, Ltd. was the first to donate. Photo shows Best Sunshine chief operating officer Matt Harkness presenting a \$2,500 donation for the project.

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rale of the island," Ajoste said.

"We want the kids to have something to look forward to. They've been through a lot with the typhoon and we know a lot of them are still suffering," Naputi said.

JKPL is inviting associations, businesses, or offices to partner with them to make the event

even bigger this year.

Best Sunshine was among the first to sponsor the project, donating \$2,500.

"The library is obviously an important part of the community for students as well as adults. We see this is a terrific opportunity to continue what we see as a process of helping this com-

munity regrow, rebuild," said Best Sunshine chief operating officer Matt Harkness.

He said the donation is part of their continuing commitment to the community as the island continues to rebuild.

"We'll help rebuild this island as a team," Harkness said.

Foreman said they are very

grateful to Best Sunshine for the donation and that it will be used to purchase candies for the event.

The Trunk or Treat concept was initially thought up as a way for children to go trick or treating in a safe manner. Instead of having children going from house to house

and walking on roads, they are brought to a single place where different candy givers converge—usually with their car's trunks decorated with a Halloween theme—to give away treats and candies. This way, children just go from one car to another for their trick or treats.

You only need one Weekend to transform your marriage

In marriage, couples rarely spend time consciously "working on their relationship." Like work or sports, however, marriage is an institution that requires continual attention in order for it to grow and flourish during seasons of triumph and challenges. Our spouse is the most significant person in our lives and we owe it to our spouse to dedicate time to the relationship.

For over two decades, families in the CNMI have undergone positive, life-changing transformations through Marriage Encounter. How? It's simple. M.E. is based on offering married couples the gifts of enhanced communication, renewed commitment, and rekindled romance.

Marriage Encounter starts with a Weekend at a hotel, away from everyday distractions, tensions, and commitments including work, children, relatives, sports, and TV/multi-media. In our daily lives, we rarely spend enough quality time with our spouses as our responsibilities to provide ends' meet, care for our children and elderly parents overwhelm our schedules. The M.E. Weekend is a constructive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It's a time to share their feelings, hopes and dreams with each other.

The emphasis of the M.E. Weekend is on the communication between husbands and wives. The Weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together, encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. It's not a retreat, marriage clinic or substitute for counseling.

Couples are not required to share anything with anyone else. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing marriage so it truly is a marriage enrichment program.

The next CNMI M.E. Weekend is on Nov. 20-22, 2015, at the Kanoa Resort in Susupe. The cost is \$100 per couple and includes two nights' accommodation, five meals, and all materials.

Many couples are naturally hesitant to join the M.E. Weekend because they are unfamiliar with the program. Here are some answers to the most asked questions.

Q: Why should my spouse and I do M.E. if we have a good marriage and have no problems?

A: M.E. is suited for all married couples, even for those who have good marriages because there are natural peaks and valleys in the cycle of marriage. There will come a time when something happens and you'll both need to face that disillusionment together. With M.E.'s communication techniques, you'll be able to resolve

those issues and get through the hurdles, rather than sweep them under the carpet.

Q. Will we need to air our "dirty laundry" in front of others?

A: No, not at all! Of course, couples may share if they're so inclined, but it's not expected. In fact, M.E. wouldn't exist if couples had to disclose intimate matters publicly.

Q. I want to do M.E. but my spouse doesn't. What can I do?

A: This is often the case where one spouse is interested and the other is not. Explain that M.E. is just one weekend away from home that you need to rejuvenate yourself and that you want to do it for the health of your relationship. Ask for it as a birthday/anniversary/early Christmas gift!

Q. My spouse and I are separated. Should we even try?

A: If you and your spouse are agreeable to spend one weekend together in an effort to amend your relationship, yes! Maybe M.E. is just what you need to start communicating correctly. You won't know until you try and isn't your marriage worth it (especially if you have kids)?

Q. How much religion is involved?

A: On Saipan, the CNMI Marriage Encounter organization falls under the Catholic Church so there is a presenting priest and the topic of God's role in marriage is mentioned.

The topic of religion does not overwhelm the presentation and M.E. is open to couples of all faiths!

Q. Do I have to be Catholic to attend?

A: No. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter requires that each Weekend be divided among Catholics and other religions. Any married couple (husband and wife) is welcome, regardless of any church affiliation.

Q. Do I have to be married in a church to qualify?

A: No, you do not need to be married in a church. However, WWME is faithful to the Roman Catholic church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.

Q. Do I have to be married a minimum amount of years?

A: No, not anymore! As long as you're legally married, you qualify.

Q. What is involved in an M.E. Weekend?

A: Weekends begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday evening. Two nights' accommodation, five meals starting Saturday morning plus all the materials are included.

Q. How much is it to join the M.E. Weekend?

A: \$100 per couple for two nights' accommodation and five meals to help defray the costs of the Weekend.

Q. Will I have to change after I do M.E.?

A: No, no one can make you change unless you yourself want to. Typically, you will want to make some changes in your marriage because of your deep love for your spouse.

Q. How can I join the next

M.E. Weekend?

A: Space is limited to 25 couples. Submit an application form and payment (Checks payable to Worldwide Marriage Encounter) to Kanae Quinn at cnmime@gmail.com or sign up online at <http://goo.gl/forms/FTrnk2p8XS>. (PR)



DISASTER ASSISTANCE

GuamTemps Inc. presents a check on Monday, Oct. 5, 2015, in the amount of \$400 to the American Red Cross Guam Chapter, in support of the Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts on Saipan. From left: GuamTemps Inc. client relations Elianna Yanger, American Red Cross Guam Chapter chief executive officer Chita Blaise, and GuamTemps Inc. office manager Josie Santiago.

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Humanities Council seeks entries for 2nd film festival

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council announces its second film festival.

Natural disasters can have a profound impact on a community by bringing out the best and the worst in members of that community. For every moving tale of volunteerism there is an equally saddening tale of opportunism. This was seen in the wake of 2005’s Hurricane Katrina as stories of neighbors helping neighbors were met with stories of looting and property destruction. Such experi-

ences can fundamentally change a community and alter perspectives on humanity itself as that community grapples with two struggles: the struggle to survive and move forward and the struggle to hold on to one’s humanity. The ethical, philosophical, and existential questions that arise out of those struggles are fertile ground for discussions about the humanities.

As the CNMI continues recovery and relief efforts for Typhoon Soudelor, the NMI Humanities Council invites all

members of the general public to submit entries that explore and address the ethical, philosophical, and existential questions raised in the typhoon’s

aftermath.

All interested individuals are invited to attend a film workshop on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8am to 12pm at Mount Carmel

School. The workshop will be facilitated by Galvin Deleon Guerrero, who recently completed the Digital Filmmaking Intensive at New York Univer-

sity in August.

For more information, email northernmarianashumanities@gmail.com or call 235-4785. **(PR)**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be holding its October general membership meeting today, Oct. 7, at the Seaside Hall of Kanoa Resort. Luncheon will commence at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at noon.

Weston Deleon Guerrero of the Department of Public Works will discuss building safety codes, when permits are required, and tips for better and safer construction. Private Affairs liaison and Mitigation Branch director Susan Langhoff will update members on FEMA assistance, and John Synnott will detail the efforts being made by FEMA to educate those directly involved with reconstruction. Glen Hunter will provide a brief update on the CNMI CARE organization, which is the islands’ long-term recovery resource. **(SCC)**

Catch KSPN2 News on radio and Internet

With Docomo cable TV still down due to Typhoon Soudelor, KSPN2 News continues to broadcast on the radio and Internet. Tune in to Magic 100.3 at 6pm Monday to Friday. You can also watch the news broadcast online at www.kspn2.com. For a higher quality, more mobile-friendly option after 8pm, check out www.saipantv.com. **(PR)**

Kagman Elementary School Open House tomorrow

Kagman Elementary School would like to invite the public to its annual Parent/Student Open House tomorrow, Oct. 8, 2015, at 4:30pm. The Open House will allow parents and students to be informed and engage in fun-filled activities with prizes regarding our English Language Arts Curriculum, STEM Curriculum, and School Policies. Light refreshments will be provided. In addition, all parents and guardians who attend will have their names collected for the end-of-school-year raffle drawing at a chance to win tablets, e-readers, and other cool techy stuff. **(PR)**

Navy training at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at

Warning Area 517 on Oct. 7-8, from noon to 8pm. The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the area during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40’ 00”N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40’ 00”N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. **(PR)**

SLI 2016 board elections on Oct. 10

Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will hold its general membership meeting for the election of 2016 board members on Oct. 10, 9am at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium pavilion. All managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Annie Flores at 285-1219 or Piding Tenorio at 285-1024. **(PR)**

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ENRIQUE Q. SALAS and
ROSARIO T. SALAS

Defendants.

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on January 27, 2015, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot no. 002 G 245, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 903 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1980, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 90-1904, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 9, 2015, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 8th day of September, 2015.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Learn more about independent power, digital security systems

Are you frustrated with power loss or Internet outages? Find solutions to operate safely during these difficulties. At its Oct. 28 business seminar, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will focus on both alternative power supplies and available security systems for homes and businesses on island.

Ron Smith of Angil Design will provide information about independent power systems for homes and businesses with an emphasis on off-grid power

supply. He will talk about what these systems do, how much they cost, and why they are 100 percent reliable. He will also demonstrate their ability to run critical infrastructure and will show an analysis that explains the cost benefits.

Brian Clayton of Megabyte will discuss the capabilities of DVR security systems and other solutions for security/safety issues that islanders have been encountering. He will discuss which systems are easier to use

and how some systems store more video within a given hard drive space. He will outline the proper features, reliability, and price range for your business needs and outline the systems available in the market, focusing on the affordability and function. Topics will include digital video recording systems, security and safety issues, as well as high-end security camera technology.

The workshop will be held in the Chamber’s conference room on Oct. 28, Wednesday, from

9am to noon. Space available is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration for the seminar is now being accepted at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315, third floor. Call 234-7150 or e-mail coordinator@saipanchamber.com for more information and to reserve your attendance. A special “recovery rate” discount for this seminar is being offered; the rate is just \$10 per participant. Seating is limited to the first 40 paid attendees. **(SCC)**

WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;

2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and

3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;

2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or

3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

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(B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or

2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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EDITORIAL

Politicize the Oregon deaths



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Signs of support pop up around Roseburg, Ore., on Friday, Oct. 2, 2015.

President Barack Obama's condemnation of America's latest mass shooting was no less striking for how often we have heard him say essentially the same thing. The White House podium lamentation is routine because the killings are routine, and the utter lack of any substantive response is just as routine. In his years in office, Obama's reaction in such circumstances has gone from outraged to bewildered because he knows that if the murder of praying churchgoers in Charleston, S.C., didn't prompt reform, if the mass killing of elementary school children didn't spur action, if the near fatal wounding of a member of Congress didn't inspire Congress to act, that nine more deaths at a community college in Oregon won't change anything either. The stranglehold of gun absolutists on our politics is so strong that no outrage ever seems strong enough to shake it.

On Thursday, Obama suggested that the media look up the numbers of how many Americans have been killed through terrorist attacks in the last decade and how many through gun violence "and post those side-by-side in your news reports."

We did, and the answer is this: From 2004 through 2013, the last decade for which all relevant data are available, 80 Americans were killed in terrorist attacks worldwide, excluding those related to combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the University of Maryland's Global Terrorism Database. During that time, 93,502 people were murdered with firearms in the United States, according to the FBI, and 186,168 people killed themselves with a gun in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control, for a total of 279,670. (We exclude accidental gun deaths from our calculation, but they would push the total substantially higher.) Even if we adjust the time frame to include the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the comparison remains stark: 3,066 terrorist deaths between 2001 and 2013, but 121,387 gun homicides and 237,052 gun suicides.

"We spend over a trillion dollars, and pass countless laws, and devote entire agencies to preventing terrorist attacks on our soil, and rightfully so," Obama said. "And yet, we have a Con-

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Sen. Cory Booker

He is 48 years old. He was mayor of Newark, New Jersey, and now serves as a senator of the United States Congress. With the popular Pope Francis recently a pleasant wave on U.S. consciousness' terrain, I ran into this quote from Cory Booker, and found it not too far from our brand of the Rock-of-Peter Christianity. He said:

*Don't speak to me about your religion;
first show it to me in how you treat other people.
Don't tell me how much you love your God;
show me how much you love God's children.
Don't preach to me your passion for your faith;
teach me through your compassion for your neighbors.
In the end, I'm not as interested in what you have to tell or sell
as in how you choose to live and give.*

I went to school in Kentucky and Texas, took a study break in North Carolina, returned to finish a master's degree in Texas. In three years, I spent my first summer in the West Coast, primarily SF and LA, the second in the Midwest, mostly Chicago, and the third, in the East Coast from Mount Katahdin in Maine to the Piedmont of Appalachia in Tar Heel country through metropolitan Boston-NYC-Baltimore axis.

My primal spouse comes from metro Chicago. I met the Institute of Cultural Affairs in Chicago's Westside in '67, a bunch of white "crazies" who lived in a black community. I joined the "crazies" in Manila, coincidentally on the same day that McCoy declared martial law. In 14 years with the ICA, I traversed all the 48 contiguous states of the Union save Vermont. I lived in Saskatoon for two years, had a taste of the tundra in Alaska, salmon in British Columbia, the *Metis* of Manitoba, and the Quebecois of East Canada.

I visited London, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Honolulu, and Apia, spent two months in Maliwada, Maharashtra, India, taught a Global Academy in Chicago, an International Training Institute for church workers in Manila, Venezuela, and California, a Human Development Training School in Nigeria, Tonga, and the Philippines, conducted economic acceleration treks in villages in Guatemala, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, and Jamaica.

My Earthrise consciousness turned global in '68. I hotfooted it to Jakarta, drove on the left side of the road in the North to the South islands of Kiwi land (NZ), saw the towers of Kuala Lumpur, connected Sydney-Canberra-Melbourne, toured *Zhongguo* of Beijing-Xi'an-Shanghai-Suzhou-Hangzhou-HK-and-Taipei shortly after the Tiananmen incident of '89.

That is only half of the spatial journey!

The Chinese word for "bragging" is *cui niu*, "cow blow." We are not "cow blowing" with the above places we had been to. We portray the difference between the academic mind of a Thomas Aquinas vs the footmarks of a Marco Polo. The first is familiar with

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historical eras while space freaks like Polo find going in-and-out of pristine places in the planet an adventure.

This mind embraces the height, width, and breath of human history, relying on oration and narration. This heart asks where one has been and traces the calluses of one's feet and hands with empathy.

Education in the scholastic tradition focuses on cultivating the mind. The societal wisdom, style, and symbols focus on what we declare, less on what we do. Past deeds are deduced from leftover artifacts but we regard the passing of legislation as deeds, and the refinement of elocution erudition.

As a former teacher in the CNMI Public School System, parents "cow blow" awards their children earned as if that elevates them above their peers. Not in Cory Booker's book, and definitely not in mine. Many schools discard the grading system as obsolete and replete with numerous misuses, countering the real aims of learning and the goals of authentic education.

Moving away from fine-tuning mental processes on language vocabulary, to learning from one's own actions, deeds are more effective in transcending words to empower and punch out live performances.

Growing up in the politics of post-WWII Philippines, what passed for governance was the ability to engage the minds of people in a common train of thought, i.e., communism decried and democracy idolized, all in the realm of ideas and cognition. It didn't matter if preferred leaders lined their pockets with silver, as long as they talked the talk; we didn't pay much attention to the quality of their walk. Status was established by words rather than deeds.

We are not cheerleaders for Obama, though I am proud to have him as President. The Internet is replete with "Obummer." I do not judge Obama by the legislation passed during his watch. I see him for how he acted in social milieu rather than what he did not do in office. More significantly, he deftly resisted Pentagon's egging of the Oval Office at every turn that previously made the country unpopular and reviled worldwide.

In the end, I'm not as interested in what you have to tell or sell as in how you choose to live and give. Cory Booker stands on the merit of deeds. So do we.

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As the WWII generation fades

The World War II generation is on its final sail into the sunset. I guess we could say with a heavy heart Si Yuus Maase' for your dedicated guidance and wisdom through the years. These are our elderly who lived before, during, and after the war. So what's the importance of it all? Their stories are a part of "our" story.

I've been curious about their stories, often told fondly behind the façade of grateful nostalgia. I wanted to see and hear the full measure of their joyful and painful expressions as they recall experiences. I've picked my mom's just to dig her mind why the mixed reaction of the good and bad times combined into one. Her forthright answers piqued my imagination.

"What the stores sold before the war to locals were animal and fish bones stripped of everything. It was done for a reason: export the meat to Japan." Sad as it may sound today "our happier days was eased by the fact that most folks had something to place on the dinner table." She said that no one ever begged

for anything. "Everybody worked and rightfully earned his/her dues." Indeed, she smiled even with watery eyes as we talked of her yesteryears.

"The bone marrow is the only thing left that gives our soup the beef or pork flavor we wanted." She related that the meat was packaged and exported to Japan. "The goal was to feed a larger population from the islands." The "what might have been" query rolled in: What if there never was a WWII, what would have been our future?

Though she despises some aspect of that period in history, she thought it was a bright chapter in our development. She said that folks worked the clock in family farms, land clearing, planting, harvesting and selling their best products while keeping excess for family use. "So we're basically an agrarian community, industrious in every sense." She related how folks head to the farm before dawn and worked until about 10am. "It starts to get warm so you take a break until about 4pm where you resume work

"training" within the context of military activities that may take place on Pagan and Tinian seems to me to be very misleading and largely sanitized because when the military trains, the "training" that is being proposed will include the use of small ammunition, medium-sized ammunition, large ammunition, rockets, bombs, missiles, mortar, hand grenades, submunitions, artillery, underwater explosives, and other kinds of explosive objects that, in combination and on a stand-alone basis, will produce hazardous wastes and toxic substances that will be introduced into the air, the coastal areas, the land surfaces and below the land surface domains that will result in the harm, injury, damage, loss, and destruction of the ecosystems found on both Pagan and Tinian that will, in turn, introduce greater risks to the human health and welfare of our people.

The overall point that I'm trying to make is that the words used by the military and adopted by several stakeholders do not necessarily help all involved and interested to develop a better and more complete understanding of what is at stake—and what is at stake is that in the future, damage, loss, harm, destruction, and injury to human health, to the environment, to Chamorro cultural practices and to associated social systems will be realized, representing life taking, versus life giving activities. Is this the future that islanders want to pass on to future generations in the name of Marine Corps and military desires and wants? I hope not.

Our islands are sacred in part because they are so small, with limited amounts of resources available to all villagers.

I don't think anyone is against American military readiness nor do I think that folks truly dislike the Marines and the military, but I do think the proposals put forth so far by the military will result in the irreparable and irreplaceable loss, harm, injury, damage, and destruction to both Pagan and Tinian islands for several reasons including some of the reasons listed above. This to me is unreasonable and unjust.

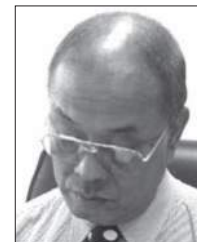
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prevent us from having a rational conversation about gun violence. They will assert that one or another gun control measure would not have stopped this particular shooting, as if that is a justification for doing nothing. Seat belts don't prevent every auto fatality, but we nonetheless require them. They will argue that we should really be talking about mental health, as if we haven't made vastly greater strides in that area (in no small part thanks to Obamacare) than we have in gun control.

But the most galling tactic to shout down any talk of connecting gun violence with our lax regulations on guns is the charge that to do so is to "politicize" the deaths and, by implication, disrespect the victims. That's hogwash. As President Obama said, "This is something we should politicize. It is relevant to our common life together, to our body politic." We would go further: It is of an importance that trivializes most everything else we consider in the sphere of politics. To ask what we might do to prevent more innocent deaths does not disrespect these, but to do nothing, to say nothing, would.

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until well after sunset."

Bonita (tuna) caught in our waters was bought by a Japanese firm smoke-dried into katsuo bushi. It is shaved into hot miso soup or rice. The katsuo bushi was another market for fishermen here. The fishing base area was a beehive of activities for this purpose. It included the sale, cleaning, packaging fish and fish by-products and their eventual export to Tokyo markets.

Modern slaves: Apparel products were the only other exports we had in recent past, killed by the U.S. Congress, a \$1.2-billion industry. Was it ever replaced? This and other relevant issues must be addressed and resolved responsibly. You see, the economy boils down to familial way of life. Must not we be clamoring in its defense rather than making salutary bows to Uncle Sam as modern day slaves? It's economic ruination, true?

It's their interest: Notice that even with the best that imperial Japan has undertaken for Micronesia on the economic front, it was never about a planned vision of our future? It was strictly military interests! Spain and Germany did the same too! Now it's the great U.S. of A! Military! Is the NMI's only salvation is its geographic and strategic location?

We must look at these experiences with some sense of vision and purpose and ponder reconciliation of sorts as we plan our future. Is there something else where truly genuine partnership could be re-established and nurtured as we move into the other half of this century? Somehow I feel somewhat optimistic that we should explore it once more.

Do we settle for it and end it here or do we use it as a temporary springboard to move forward? Where's the indigenous clear view and resiliency in all these pile of confusion? Could we sift through it all and begin reconciling brighter and more secure tomorrows?

Most of the folks her age have faded into history. Only she and her generation knew what was it like on the islands before, during, and after the war. Sure, there were days of ups and downs on these isles. Whatever happened then and now never centered on the livelihood of the indigenous people. But then only we could say, "Enough is enough!"

Naval Administration: The Navy came in after the war and sealed off the island from the rest of the world for quite a period of time.

Capital Hill was a well-clipped and immaculate residential area for CIA top guns. We can't pass through it at night nor could we visit Kagman and Marpi areas in view of CIA activities training Chinese soldiers. Perhaps it was "alienation," however rationalized as unintended.

It is widely known that the military takes prime land for its purposes. We saw that in the use of beachfront properties in Supe. Land was used for residential and official purposes. How sad that the Navy left and there remains unsettled some \$100 million in land claims. Like I said, leadership should have demanded payment first in the return of land in 1977 before accepting any of it. It would have resolved a longstanding issue, half of which remains "longstanding" to date.

Gradually, we learned what self-government entails including paying for its operations. A 1 percent tax was proposed by the Congress of Micronesia and we burned its building down in the wee hours of the morning. We had a hard time understanding that self-government includes paying for its cost. We wanted even our salaries the equivalence of the Annual Christmas Drop.

Remember our reintegration agenda all focused on the dollar? It wasn't anything else but the almighty dollar! Political maturation is a protracted process that eventually settled down like excess water runoff. We now know that government operations are funded via locally generated taxes. Welcome to real fiscal reality check!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Terms that obscure rather than clarify

I'm baffled at times by the language and words used in this broad discussion regarding not only Guam but the CNMI when it comes to the ongoing conversation of the military transformation in the Mariana Islands.

Some of the words used make no sense to me. The word "impact" is the best example I can think of and here's what I mean: The word "impact" in my mind is a word more closely associated with, say, an economic event, such as what will be the "impact" of the stock markets should the Federal Reserve make the decision to raise interest rates? One answer is the possible decline of stock prices and the incentive for many investors to move money into bonds.

The use of the word "impact" within the context of a military buildup, however, is misguided because it hides the fact that natural, historical, and cultural resources will be lost, damaged, destroyed and harmed from proposed military actions or "training."

Coral colonies will be damaged or destroyed if they meet a 75-ton LCAC at low tide over at Unai Chulu and this will result in the loss and destruction of thousands of coral colonies located on the island of Tinian that literally took thousands of years for Mother Nature to construct. The same goes with South Beach on Pagan Island.

Another thing that irritates me about this entire endeavor is the use of the word "training" because in my opinion the word is very misleading, as is the word "impact."

The word "training" makes sense if one runs every day for 5 miles in order to train for a half-a-marathon in two months for the purpose of attempting to win a future race. But the word

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gress that explicitly blocks us from even collecting data on how we could potentially reduce gun deaths. How can that be?"

It can be, and it is, simply because of the influence of the National Rifle Association. The CDC effectively stopped doing gun violence research in 1996, after the NRA accused it of promoting gun control and the Republican-led Congress threatened to strip its funding. This summer, immediately following the Charleston mass killing, Democrats tried to include an amendment in an appropriations bill that would have allowed the CDC to study the root causes of gun violence, but Republicans voted it down. The contrast between Congress' willingness for years to allow the government to collect reams of data on the communications of ordinary Americans in the name of fighting terrorism and its refusal to allow research into what is clearly a bigger threat is outrageous.

But it is hardly the only way Second Amendment fanatics seek to

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. West winds 15 to 20 Mph.

▲84° ▼77°

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲83° ▼77°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲82° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲86° ▼76°

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Choi-wan (23W) is centered 710 miles north-northeast of Saipan near 24N151E, moving north-west at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found up to 240 miles away from the center. For more information on Choi-wan, refer to bulletins issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM and the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. A monsoon trough curves northeastward through 11N130E to Typhoon Choi-wan at 24N151E, then heads southeastward to beyond the date line at 11N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south of the trough, from southeast of Yap to Chuuk within 200 miles of a line from 5N143E to 14N160E, and across the Marshall Islands within 250 miles of a line from 15N165E to 4N180. Low-level convergence south of Kosrae is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of a line from 2N160E to 3N166E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89	▼ 82
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88	▼ 82
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 81
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 81
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 88	▼ 81
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 82
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 82

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Sunny	▲ 65	▼ 52
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80	▼ 60
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 78
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 80	▼ 71
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 64	▼ 58
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 78	▼ 61
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78	▼ 60
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 83	▼ 74
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 50
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 54
Paris	Showers	▲ 69	▼ 59
Busan	Clear	▲ 74	▼ 57
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79	▼ 64
Salem	Partly Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 53
San Francisco	Fair	▲ 67	▼ 58
Seoul	Clear	▲ 76	▼ 46
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 68	▼ 55
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 47

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Saipan Harbor			
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10:38 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
5:45 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
11:43 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:07 AM	6:03 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:02 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	1:20 AM	2:16 PM
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3		
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UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7		
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5			UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota		
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4			UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5		
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5		
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UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7			UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4		
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6			DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily		
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7		
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OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN					
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	1, 3, 5, 7			MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT		
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN			UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM		
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM			OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA5063/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM			PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM		
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM			PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT			UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM			UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM		
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM			UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota		
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM		
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM			UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM		
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM		
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM			UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM		
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM		
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM		
						UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM		
						UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN					
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6			OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN		
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN			UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN			UA180/5039	9:55pm	9:55pm	5 via GUM		
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			UA180/5077	9:5				



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-032

Opening Date: **Thursday, October 01, 2015**
Closing Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

Fiscal Technician (Reopened)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Manager: Financial Accounts Management or his/her designee. May supervise staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Receives and processes customer payments; screens and verifies check receipts; updates customer accounts; reviews customer account status for partial payment receipts; computes payment information; and issues payment slips. May provide field utility meter inspection, testing, investigation, repairs and service documentation. Enters and verifies account changes and correction transactions; researches, reconciles and compiles adjustment documentation; prepares billing adjustments; and/or documents customer account status. Balances cash and other payment receipts and prepares bank deposits; balances credit card receipts with merchant settlement records; prepares sales deposits; processes customer refund payments; may process and file payroll documents. Receives and responds to customer calls and inquiries; reviews account and payment information; explains customer billing regarding charge disputes; assists customers with new accounts, required documentation and application processing; processes work orders as required; and refers inquiries to appropriate resource. Organizes and files revenue receipts, change vouchers, and related reports; maintains filing system; and prepares listings, schedules and activity reports. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): Three (3)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and 4 years of utility accounts or fiscal support experience. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Cash handling practices (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic mathematical principles; Recordkeeping principles; Safety principles and safe work practices; Applicable equipment used in field utility services (based on assignment); Modern office technology. **Skills in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Receiving, posting and reconciling payments, cash receipts or account information; Verifying and updating account or utility meter information; Providing customer service and responding to inquiries; Coordinating services with other departments or resources; Inspecting and operating field equipment related to utility usage and testing (based on assignment); Performing basic mathematical calculations; Researching, reconciling and preparing account adjustments and related documentation; Preparing and maintaining files, forms, reports and records; Copying and scanning documents; Updating, maintaining and preparing reports and spreadsheet tracking documents; Researching account information and providing information regarding billing disputes; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-043

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Closing Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

Trades Assistant

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Tinian or his/her designee. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in assigned service area; operates motorized vehicles, equipment machinery, and hand and power tools. Performs routine and preventative maintenance on equipment, vehicles, systems and/or infrastructure; performs basic inspections; and conducts basic troubleshooting of issues. Responds to trouble calls as needed. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection and to direct traffic flow away from work site. Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used. Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete. Monitors equipment; takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings; prepares and submits data and work reports. Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily maintenance activities. Performing daily well and pump station facility maintenance, cleaning and monitoring; Assisting plumbing and chlorine maintenance crew; Utilizing digging equipment for locating and repairing leaks; Repairing and securing pressure reducer valves, main valves, service lines and laterals, and booster pumps; Assisting with meter installation and repair; Collecting water samples. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): Four (4)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. **Knowledge of:** Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. **Skills in:** Providing customer service; Reading maps and drawings; Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Administrative Assistant

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Tinian or his/her designee. Gathers, assembles, updates, processes and/or distributes forms, documents, requests, invoices, mail and/or records; reviews information for completeness, accuracy and content; resolves discrepancies; prepares information for processing and disseminates and/or maintains documentation. Provides reception duties and responds to requests for information; provides customer support with completing forms and answering routine questions; refers inquiries as required to the appropriate resource; and advises management of issues for resolution. Enters data in systems or on documents; organizes and maintain files, records, logs, and/or timesheets; ensure file integrity and retention of records and documentation according to established procedures. Retrieves and/or prepares reports, correspondence, documents, deposits, account adjustments and other related documentation. Monitors supplies, materials and/or equipment inventory; prepares requisitions replenishment of supplies or required services; monitors order status; coordinates deliveries and services with vendors; and may provide pick up or delivery of documents or items as needed. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic filing and recordkeeping principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Basic inventory and supplies maintenance practices; Specialized equipment relevant to area of assignment; Modern office technology. **Skills in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards (based on assignment); Providing customer service; Filing, organizing and maintaining records and files; Preparing basic reports, correspondence and documentation; Managing time and prioritizing requests; Providing attention to detail; Proofreading documents for accuracy; Identifying errors and making corrections; Reviewing and researching account information; Maintaining confidentiality of records and information; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Trades Assistant (Lineperson)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Rota or designee. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in assigned service area; operates motorized vehicles, equipment machinery, and hand and power tools. Performs routine and preventative maintenance on equipment, vehicles, systems and/or infrastructure; performs basic inspections; and conducts basic troubleshooting of issues. Responds to trouble calls as needed. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection and to direct traffic flow away from work site. Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used. Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete. Monitors equipment; takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings; prepares and submits data and work reports. Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily maintenance activities. Servicing equipment by disassembling, assembling, cleaning and calibrating; Assisting with equipment inspections; Monitoring gauges on engine generators; Reading meters and collecting data; Monitor and maintain pump fuel; Operating incinerators; Operating oil and water separator pump; Servicing and preparing oil filters; Responding to customer calls; Maintaining grounds, trimming trees and removing obstacles; Fabricating materials for required parts. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): Two (2)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. **Knowledge of:** Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. **Skills in:** Providing customer service; Reading maps and drawings; Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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PCG reports on success of consular missions to NMI

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam extended mobile consular missions for Filipinos residing on Saipan and Tinian last Sept. 23-25 and Sept. 26-27, respectively. The consular service on Saipan was held at the Social Hall of the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa while the one on Tinian was held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

The consular team was led by Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian and was composed of Mildred Sayurin (for authentication/notarials, civil registration, dual citizenship and passport services), Emmanuel Garcia (for overseas voting registration), Juliet Simbul (for passport/ATN officer), and Maria Liza Manarin (finance officer).

The consular mission was conducted in close coordination with and support of Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio "Eli" Arago, his staff, and the volunteers from the United Filipino Organizations and Bayani Association on Saipan. On Tinian, the consular mission was successfully conducted with the assistance and support of the United Filipino Association in Tinian, or UniFil, headed by Rodney S. Cabarles, president; Mary Susan Cruz, vice president; and other volunteers from UniFil and Tinian Dynasty staff.

During the five-day consular outreach, the following consular services were rendered: 448 ePassports applications/renewal, 160 passport extension (gratis), two travel documents, 69 notarials/authentication, seven reports of marriage, 19 reports of birth, three dual citizenship applications, 29 employment contract verification, and one ATN service.

Also, the consular team was able to register a total of 243 new overseas voters for the May 2016 elections.

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration was able to send a representative, Rey Tayag, former OWWA representative on Saipan PCG, who processed a total of 1,539 OWWA membership applications/renewal (1,395 on Saipan, 94 on Tinian and 50 on Rota).

While on Saipan, Auxilian



Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian greets applicants during the start of the mobile consular service on Tinian on Sept. 26, 2015.

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also met with Susan Langhoff, assistant external affairs officer private sector of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA External Affairs, on Sept. 25, together with Arago. Auxilian thanked Langhoff for the assistance extended by FEMA to the Typhoon Soudebor victims in Saipan, including the Filipinos that were badly affected by the typhoon. He also called on Fr. Ryan Jimenez, a Filipino priest and present apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Chalan Kanoa, and met with Bong Malasarte, UFO president, to discuss some concerns and consular needs of the Filipino community.

On Tinian, Auxilian met with Christopher D. Bishop, vice president, project development of the Tinian Realty International Co., and Sterling Lundgren, HR consultant of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino on Sept. 26 and discussed the concern of Filipinos working at the hotel and casino who faced uncertainty regarding their status of employment and impending closure of the operations of the hotel and casino. Sterling assured Auxilian that the hotel will not be closed and will continue operation and that the casino will resume operation as soon as it receives a permit from the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission.

On Sept. 28, Auxilian also paid a courtesy call on Tinian



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Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian, third from right, poses with Philippine honorary consul to CNMI Glicerio Arago, second from right; Bong Malasarte, UFO president, third from left at the back; and other Filipinos during their meeting with Susan Langhoff, Assistant External Affairs Officer, FEMA-USDHS, at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.



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Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian, center, makes a courtesy call on Fr. Ryan Jimenez, right, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chalan Kanoa, at his office in Mt. Carmel Cathedral.



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Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian, second from left, OWWA representative Rey Tayag, fourth from left, and Mary Susan Cruz, second from right, during their meeting with Sterling Lundgren, HR Consultant of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, third from left.

Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas, who is a former CNMI attorney general. San Nicolas thanked the Consulate General for coming to Tinian to attend to the consular needs of the Filipinos whom he considers important contributors to the community on Tinian. Two Tinian council members were also present during the call and they lauded the role and contributions of the Filipinos not only in Tinian but in the whole CNMI. Auxilian also thanked San Nicolas for the kind treatment and support the government has been extending to Filipinos on Tinian. Auxilian was accompanied during the call by Mildred Sayurin and Mary Susan Cruz, UniFil vice president and resident director of the Department of Commerce on Tinian, the very first Filipino to be appointed to this position. (PCG)



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Juliet Simbul processes passport applications while Emmanuel Garcia takes biometrics of the new overseas voting registrants.



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OWWA representative Rey Tayag, second from right in striped shirt, is joined by volunteers from the Filipino community on Saipan processing OWWA membership renewals.



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Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian was told to take the mayor's seat during his call on Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas, extreme left, standing, for a souvenir photo during his call on the mayor last Sept. 28. Also in photo are two council members of Tinian, Mary Susan Cruz, UniFil vice president and Department of Commerce resident director and her husband, who is the chief of staff of the Mayor's Office.



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Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian, center, is joined by UniFil officers and volunteers, from left, Liza Manarin, Mildred Sayurin, Jonah Ganaden Lagota, Salvador Fronda, Francis Esguerra, UniFil president Rod Cabarles, UniFil vice president Mary Susan Cruz, and Emmanuel Garcia during the consular service on Tinian.



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-047

Opening Date: **Thursday, October 01, 2015**
Closing Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

Safety Compliance Technician

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Rota or his/her designee. Assists in inspections to inform, enforce and regulate compliance and environmental issues; writes citations for corrective actions. Assists in responding to incidents and emergencies to ensure compliance with laws, rules and regulations; ensures customer issues are addressed and proper procedures are followed. Drafts reports on accidents and incidents; maintains files, records and logs. Assists in conducting a wide variety of workshops and/or orientations. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and, based on assignment, up to 2 years of related work experience. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Investigation techniques; Safety procedures; Mitigation procedures; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Conducting inspections; Conducting investigations; Reading plans and specifications; Performing testing; Preparing reports; Giving presentations; Conducting workshops; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-046

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Administrative Assistant

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Rota or his/her designee. Gathers, assembles, updates, processes and/or distributes forms, documents, requests, invoices, mail and/or records; reviews information for completeness, accuracy and content; resolves discrepancies; prepares information for processing and disseminates and/or maintains documentation. Provides reception duties and responds to requests for information; provides customer support with completing forms and answering routine questions; refers inquiries as required to the appropriate resource; and advises management of issues for resolution. Enters data in systems or on documents; organizes and maintain files, records, logs, and/or timesheets; ensure file integrity and retention of records and documentation according to established procedures. Retrieves and/or prepares reports, correspondence, documents, deposits, account adjustments and other related documentation. Monitors supplies, materials and/or equipment inventory; prepares requisitions replenishment of supplies or required services; monitors order status; coordinates deliveries and services with vendors; and may provide pick up or delivery of documents or items as needed. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic filing and recordkeeping principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Basic inventory and supplies maintenance practices; Specialized equipment relevant to area of assignment; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards (based on assignment); Providing customer service; Filing, organizing and maintaining records and files; Preparing basic reports, correspondence and documentation; Managing time and prioritizing requests; Providing attention to detail; Proofreading documents for accuracy; Identifying errors and making corrections; Reviewing and researching account information; Maintaining confidentiality of records and information; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd floor – Oleai Joeten Commercial Center
Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DPW/FHWA-15-RFP-005

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ROUTE 36 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI PROJECT NO. CM-NH-0036(004)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified Architectural/Engineering companies for the **Construction Management Services for Route 36 Road Improvements Project, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)**.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **\$70-30.3-305** of the Procurement Regulations. This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dates May 24, 2001.

Any corporation or partnership "firm" must have or obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) package will be available on or after **September 30, 2015** at the Department of Public Works, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214 Saipan.

A **mandatory** Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 212 on **October 16, 2015**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, at telephone numbers (670) 234-9828/9837 or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **October 23, 2015**.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW/FHWA-15-RFP-005"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 10, 2015**. Proposals located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 10, 2015** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via-email to procurement@pticom.com or fax to (670) 234-3547 or via e-mail to ripple.dpw@gmail.com For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 10, 2015** and must be received no later than **November 20, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be caused for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and evaluation criteria and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform services required. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified Engineering firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon. The anticipated date for this award is December 2015 and anticipated date for notice to proceed is February 2016. Please refer the Proposal Content Requirements section of this package for more information; non-complaint proposals will not be considered.

The successful A-E firm will be subjected to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**.

The Government is not responsible for any expenses which Proposers may incur in the preparation and submittal of proposals requested by this RFP, including but not limited to, costs associated with travel, accommodations, interviews or presentations, or proposals.

This project is funded in whole by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the FHWA. All offerors shall be subjected to the provisions of the federal Acquisition Regulations Part 52, Subpart 209-5, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matter, March 1996.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including exercise tax.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become property of the Government.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLÁN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-048

Opening Date: **Thursday, October 01, 2015**
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Warehouse Assistant

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Nation

Oregon shooter rants in writings about having no girlfriend

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP)—The gunman who executed nine people at an Oregon community college before killing himself ranted in writings he left behind about not having a girlfriend and thinking everyone else was crazy, a law enforcement official said Monday.

The official also said the mother of 26-year-old gunman Christopher Harper-Mercer has told investigators he was struggling with some mental health issues. The official is familiar with the investigation but wasn't authorized to speak publicly because it is ongoing.

Harper-Mercer complained in the writings about not having a girlfriend, and he seemed to feel like he was very rational while others around him were not, the official said.

He wrote something to the effect of: "Other people think I'm crazy, but I'm not. I'm the sane one," the official said. The writings recovered at the shooting scene were a couple of pages long.

Local pastor Randy Scroggins has said his 18-year-old daughter, who survived the shooting, told him the gunman gave an envelope to another student and instructed him to give it to police. The envelope contained a flash drive, Scroggins said.



AP
Faculty members embrace as they are allowed to return to Umpqua Community College Monday, Oct. 5, 2015, in Roseburg, Ore.

Also Monday, some faculty, staff and students returned to the campus for the first time since the shooting, while President Barack Obama announced he will travel to Oregon this week to visit privately with victims' families.

Classes do not resume at

Umpqua Community College until next week, but some students came to the campus to pick up belongings they left behind Thursday when they fled. Others met with professional groups to discuss their trauma and grief.

A memorial was growing on

the driveway leading to Snyder Hall, where Harper-Mercer opened fire. Besides those who died, nine people were wounded. Harper-Mercer killed himself after a shootout with police.

"It was hard not to focus on Snyder Hall," student Joel Mitchell said. "When we got

back, I think a lot of people were probably ... looking at it, checking it out, seeing what it looked like."

ACROSS THE NATION

California governor signs right-to-die legislation

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation Monday allowing terminally ill people in the nation's most populous state to take their own lives, saying the emotionally charged bill forced him to consider "what I would want in the face of my own death." Brown, a lifelong Catholic and former Jesuit seminarian, said he acted after discussing the issue with many people, including a Catholic bishop and two of his own doctors. "I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain. I am certain, however, that it would be a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded by this bill," the governor wrote in a signing statement that accompanied his signature. The 77-year-old Democrat said he would not deny those comforts to others.

Woman accused of injecting 14-year-old daughter with heroin

COATESVILLE, Pa. (AP)—A suburban Philadelphia woman repeatedly injected her 14-year-old daughter and another teen with heroin, even tying a string around their arms to isolate their veins, prosecutors said Monday. The Chester County district attorney's office alleged that Jessica Lynn Riffey, 34, of West

A group of eight held hands and bowed their heads in prayer in front of the building. Elsewhere, clusters of people chatted at picnic tables or near buildings.

In a courtyard near the center of campus, a therapy dog sat on a blanket with its handler. A woman, crouched down, wiped away a tear.

At least one student injured in the shooting was among those who returned Monday, college President Rita Cavin said. She did not identify the student.

Reporters were barred from campus but taken on a brief tour. School officials designated an outdoor amphitheater as a makeshift memorial, open only to staff and students for now. Flowers and balloons were positioned on tables, and markers were available for people to write messages on a banner that says, "UCC Strong."

Caln Township, supplied the 14-year-old girl and a 16-year-old boy with heroin and injected them multiple times last month. Riffey was charged with corruption of minors, endangering the welfare of children and drug delivery. She was jailed in lieu of \$50,000 pending a preliminary hearing Friday. Online court records didn't list a lawyer who could comment on the charges and a message left at a number listed in her name wasn't immediately returned Monday.

Marijuana pesticide flap brings consumer lawsuit in Colorado

DENVER (AP)—Two marijuana users in Colorado filed a lawsuit Monday against a pot business they said used an unhealthy pesticide to grow their weed—a case that lawyers say is the first product liability claim in the nation involving the legal marijuana industry. The case underscores disagreement over what chemicals should be allowed in the cultivation of pot and leaves the plaintiffs facing a dilemma: The U.S. government still regards almost all marijuana as an illicit drug and there are no federal safety guidelines for growing it. The state of Colorado has approved a list of pesticides that are acceptable to grow pot, but it's far from complete and leaves out several pesticides that are commonly used on both food and tobacco.

'Fire hose' of moisture slams South Carolina; 12 killed

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—People across South Carolina got an object lesson Monday in how you can dodge a hurricane and still get hammered.

Authorities struggled to get water to communities swamped by it, and with waterlogged dams overflowing, bridges collapsing, hundreds of roads inundated and floodwaters rolling down to the coast, the state was anything but done with this disaster.

"This is a Hugo-level event," said Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston, head of the South Carolina National Guard, referring to the September 1989 hurricane that

devastated Charleston. "We didn't see this level of erosion in Hugo. ... This water doesn't fool around."

Much-feared Hurricane Joaquin missed the East Coast, but fueled what experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration called a "fire hose" of tropical moisture that aimed directly at the state. A solid week of rainfall has killed at least 10 people in South Carolina and two in North Carolina, and sent about 1,000 to shelters. About 40,000 have been left without drinkable water.

One of the latest to die was

McArthur Woods, 56, who drove around a barricade and drowned Sunday night. His passenger managed to climb on top of the sedan, which stalled in the rushing water. A firefighter rescued her after someone heard her screams.

"She came out the window. How she got on top of the car and stayed there like she did with that water—there's a good Lord," Kershaw County Coroner David West said.

By Monday, the heaviest rains had moved into the mid-Atlantic states. Along the Jersey Shore, some beaches devastated by Superstorm Sandy three

years ago lost most of their sand to the wind, rain and high surf.

South Carolina authorities mostly switched Monday from search and rescue into "assessment and recovery mode," but Gov. Nikki Haley warned citizens to remain careful as a "wave" of water swelled downstream and dams had to be opened to prevent catastrophic failures above low-lying neighborhoods near the capital.

"South Carolina has gone through a storm of historic proportions," Haley said. "Just because the rain stops, does not mean that we are out of the woods."

United States, 11 Pacific Rim countries reach trade deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Having hammered out an ambitious trade deal with 11 Pacific Rim countries, the Obama administration now faces a potentially tougher task: selling the deal to a skeptical Congress.

The countries reached a contentious trade pact Monday that cuts trade barriers, sets labor and environmental standards and protects multinational corporations' intellectual property after marathon negotiating sessions in Atlanta through the weekend.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership is designed to encourage trade between the United States, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New

Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. Together, the countries account for 40 percent of world economic output.

"We think it helps define the rules of the road for the Asia-Pacific region," said U.S. Trade Rep. Michael Froman.

For President Barack Obama, the trade deal is a major victory on a centerpiece of his international agenda.

Obama has pursued the pact against the objections of many lawmakers in his own Democratic Party and instead forged rare consensus with Republicans.

Trade unions and other critics say the deal will expose American workers to foreign compe-

tition and cost jobs. Given the opposition, the pact's "fate in Congress is at best uncertain," said Lori Wallach, a leading TPP critic and director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch.

Obama has cast the agreement as good for Americans workers and crucial to countering China and expanding U.S. influence in the Asia-Pacific.

"This partnership levels the playing field for our farmers, ranchers, and manufacturers by eliminating more than 18,000 taxes that various countries put on our products," Obama said in a statement. "It includes the strongest commitments on labor and the environment of any

trade agreement in history, and those commitments are enforceable, unlike in past agreements."

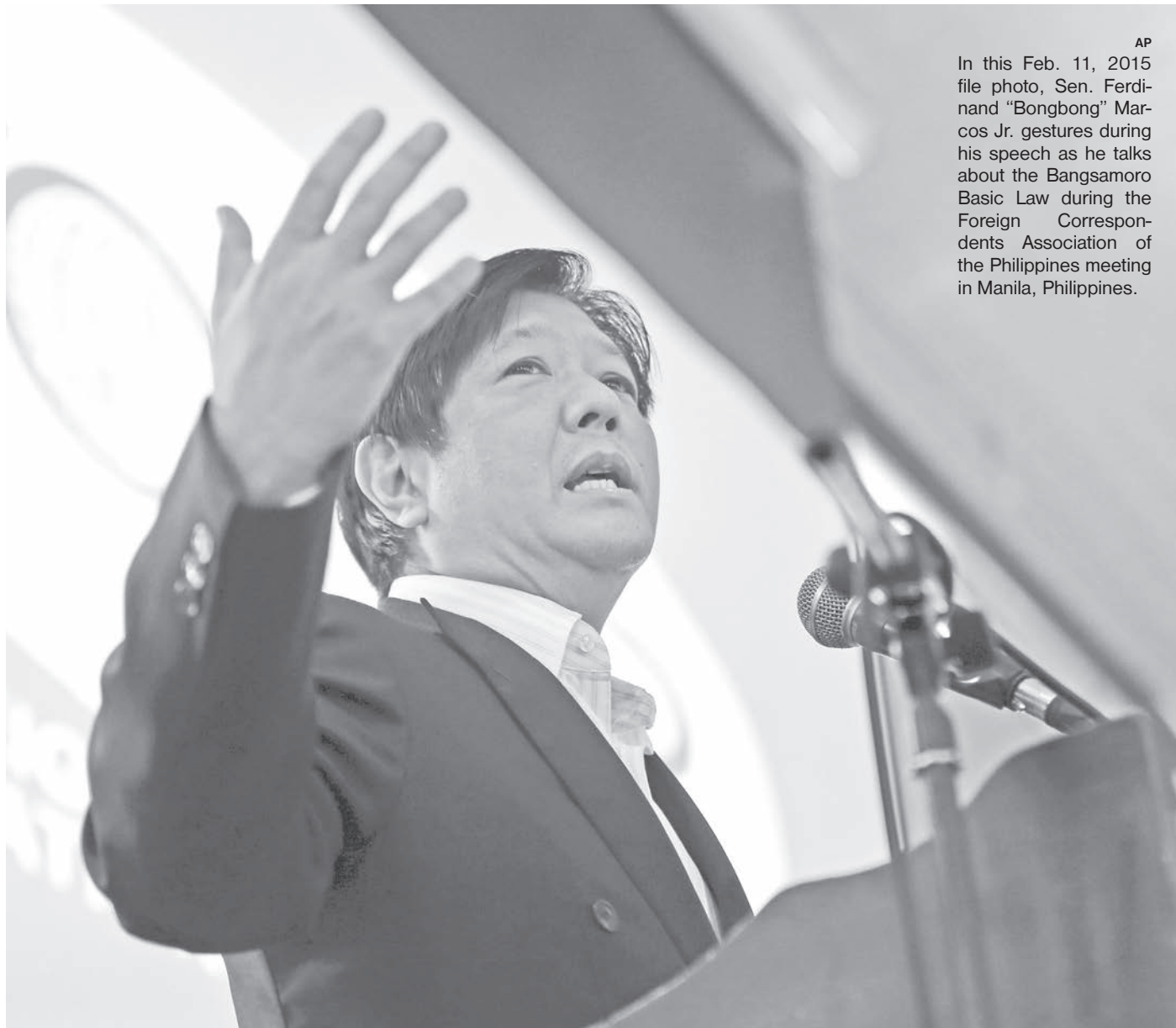
The president has to wait 90 days before signing the pact, and only then will Congress begin the process of voting on it.

As a result, a vote on the TPP likely will not happen until well into 2016, where it is likely to get ensnared in the politics of a presidential election year. Congress can only give the deal an up-or-down vote. It can't amend the agreement.

Many of the tariff reductions and other changes will be phased in over several years, so benefits to the U.S. economy could take time to materialize.

Asia

Late Philippine dictator's son to run for vice president



AP
In this Feb. 11, 2015 file photo, Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. gestures during his speech as he talks about the Bangsamoro Basic Law during the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines meeting in Manila, Philippines.

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The son of late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos has announced that he will run for vice president in next year's elections in a new gauge of his family's political clout nearly three decades after they were ousted in a "people power" revolt.

Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. asked Filipinos in a statement Monday to judge him based on his 26-year career in government as a provincial official and national lawmaker.

Marcos, 58, did not touch on allegations of massive corruption and widespread rights violations against his father in a country which still marks the anniversary each year of the Marcoses' 1986 ouster as a triumph of democracy.

"I have decided to put my political fortune in the hands of the Filipino people," he said.

Marcos railed against the "politics of personality" that he said has turned the Philippines into "a soft state where the rich become richer, the poor become poorer, graft and corruption is endemic ... injustice is the norm."

Renato Reyes of the left-wing group Bayan said Marcos should acknowledge the abuses that were committed during his father's rule.

The former president died in exile in Hawaii in 1989 without admitting any wrongdoing.

While the late dictator is reviled by many, including by thousands of former political prisoners, he still enjoys a degree of popularity, particularly in his northern home province of Ilocos Norte, where the family holds significant political power.

Sen. Marcos' mother, Imelda Marcos, is a member of the House of Representatives, representing a district in Ilocos Norte, where her eldest child, Imee, is provincial governor. Mrs. Marcos, who is derided for her large shoe collection, can run for a final term in Congress but has yet to announce her political plans.

Boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao, meanwhile, said he will run for the Senate next year. Pacquiao, a member of the House of Representatives, disclosed his plans to followers late Monday, according to ABS-CBN TV network.

Bangladesh pastor escapes knife attack at his home

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A Bangladeshi pastor has survived an attempt on his life by three men who came to his home pretending to want to learn about Christianity, police and the victim said Tuesday.

The incident follows the fatal attacks on two foreigners last week in Bangladesh, a predominantly Muslim country that is grappling with violence claimed by hard-line Islamic groups.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for last week's attacks, one on a Japanese agricultural worker and the other on an Italian aid worker. The IS claim has been refuted by Bangladesh's government, which blamed the opposition for trying to destabilize the country.

In the latest attack, the pastor, Luke Sarker, 52, suffered minor injuries Monday when three men aged 25-30 attacked him with a knife at his home in the northwestern district of Pabna, said the area's senior police official, Siddikur Rahman.

Sarker, the pastor of Faith Bible Church, said by phone that the men who attacked him had phoned him about two weeks ago saying they wanted to visit him to learn about Christianity.

After they arrived at his home on Monday, they suddenly attacked him with a knife and tried to slit his throat, Sarker said. But as he shouted, his wife came to his rescue and the men fled. Police later recovered a motorbike

from outside his home.

Rahman said police had no clues yet about the identities of the three men but suspect they could be members of a fundamentalist group.

Meanwhile, police said they questioned four people Monday in connection with Saturday's attack on Japanese agricultural worker Kunio Hoshi, who was shot to death by unidentified assailants in northern Bangladesh.

Bangladesh has been struggling in recent months with a rise in violence claimed by hard-line Islamic groups, banning several that have been blamed for killing four secular bloggers this year.

The Islamic State group issued a statement claiming responsibility for Saturday's attack, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadi postings online. The report could not be independently confirmed. The Islamic State also claimed responsibility for the Sept. 28 killing of Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella in Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital.

Bangladeshi Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan refuted those claims. The government has blamed the country's main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its key ally, Jamaat-e-Islami, for the attacks, accusing the groups of trying to destabilize the country. A spokesman for the BNP denied the charges.

Rescuers say wreckage of missing Indonesian plane is found

MAKASSAR, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesian rescuers said Monday they have found the wreckage of a small plane carrying 10 people that went missing on a domestic flight three days ago.

The DHC-6 Twin Otter plane lost contact with air traffic controllers 11 minutes after taking off in good weather Friday from Masamba in South Sulawesi province.

National Search and Rescue Agency chief Henry Bambang Soelistyo said the wreckage was found Monday in a forest in a mountainous area of Luwu

District.

The turboprop plane, owned by the airline Aviastar Mandiri, was on a flight to Makassar, the provincial capital, carrying three crew members and seven passengers, including three children. No distress signal was received.

"The plane has been discovered along with a number of victims," Soelistyo said.

Luwu police chief Lt. Col. Adex Yudiawan, who led a 38-member team that reached the crash site near Gamaru village, said the wreckage was scattered and some parts were

still burning.

"We found three bodies—a child and two adults, and all were burnt," Yudisman told private TVOne station in an interview. "Because of the dusk, we will return tomorrow to search for other victims and as well as the black boxes."

Six aircraft and four patrol boats had been searching for a plane, focusing on the sea between the two southern peninsulas of Sulawesi Island.

Search efforts were hindered over the weekend by bad weather and rough terrain, Soelistyo said.

islature before being submitted to a national referendum. Deputy Prime Minister Visanu Krua-ngam said the junta had chosen legal expert Meechai Ruchupan to head the Constitution Drafting Committee.

Nepal's 3 main parties discuss formation of new government

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Leaders of Nepal's three main political parties discussed formation of a new government on Monday following the adoption of a new constitution last month. Narayankaji Shrestha of the United Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist said the parties

pected militants were also killed in two separate encounters with government troops.

Thai junta picks 21-member panel to write new constitution

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's military government has appointed a new committee to draft a post-coup constitution after an unpopular earlier draft was rejected in a move that has delayed elections until at least 2017. Authorities said Monday the new 21-member committee will start work Tuesday and has six months to write its draft charter. It will need approval from the leg-



ASIAN BRIEFS

4 Indian soldiers, 3 rebels killed in Kashmir fighting

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Four Indian army soldiers and three suspected rebels were killed in separate clashes in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, police said Monday. Inspector-General Syed Javaid Mujtaba Gillani said the soldiers died Monday when militants ambushed troops during a search operation in Hafruda forest near the highly militarized Line of Control that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan. Gillani said the militants escaped after attacking the soldiers. He said three sus-

World

Guatemala declares mudslide-hit community uninhabitable

SANTA CATARINA PINULA, Guatemala (AP)—Guatemalan officials weighed what to do with the site of a massive, acres-wide mudslide that might still hold hundreds of bodies and a surrounding area of largely untouched homes that has been declared uninhabitable.

Simply too vast to excavate fully, there may come a point—as in the past—where officials simply end digging efforts at the site and declare the area where the unrecovered bodies lie a de-facto graveyard, their buried houses becoming their final tombs.

Officials are also considering what to do with residents of the Cambray community on the outskirts of Guatemala City whose houses escaped Thursday's massive landslide but whose neighborhood has now been declared uninhabitable by Guatemala's National Disaster Reduction Commission, known as the Conred.

"They told us they have to get organized, they have to buy land" for us, said Clara Elena Solorzano, 40, who had lived in the neighborhood for 17 years in a house built by her husband. "Also that they're getting money together to buy us homes, but nothing concrete."



Workers carry empty coffins for the victims of the Cambray neighborhood mudslide, to an improvised morgue in Santa Catarina Pinula on the outskirts of Guatemala City, Monday, Oct. 5, 2015.

As the death toll rose to 152 late Monday, questions mounted about why people were allowed to build homes at the base of a dangerous hillside next to a small river.

Conred said it had warned of the risk Cambray faced since last year and had recommended that residents be relocated.

But Solorzano and 26-year-old Sonia Hernandez, who had

10 family members displaced by the landslide and five from another house missing, both said they were never warned

of any danger.

"If we had been warned of the danger we were running we never would have bought" in



the neighborhood, Hernandez said. "We practically bought our own tomb."

Many Cambray residents were staying in shelters. Some 187 people waited on cots inside the Salon Municipal, an auditorium the town usually employs for events and parties. Displaced families could find food, medical services, activi-

ties for children and psychological services there.

Most people there were homeowners, and said they built their homes with all the proper permits. They said they were more focused on the nearby river that occasionally overflows its banks than the hillside above them.

Disaster Reduction Commission Director Alejandro Maldonado said he had warned Mayor Tono Coro of the municipality of Santa Catarina Pinula that the river was eating away at the base of the steep hill.

Maldonado said he was waiting for a report from local authorities about what they had done in response to the warning.

Municipal spokesman Manuel Pocasangre said local authorities had warned residents about the dangers, but the inhabitants did not want to leave their homes.

Maldonado acknowledged there are many neighborhoods like Cambray in and around Guatemala City that are at risk of flooding or mudslides.

NATO denounces Russia for violating Turkish airspace

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—In a signal of new tensions raised by Moscow's airstrikes in Syria, NATO denounced Russia on Monday for "irresponsible behavior" after its warplanes violated Turkish airspace, and Turkey warned that any future aerial intruder would be treated like an enemy.

Turkey, a NATO member, mentioned only one Russian intrusion over the weekend, but the military alliance said a second Russian jet also violated Turkish airspace Sunday.

The intrusions, which come amid deep suspicions and mutual distrust between Moscow and the West over Russia's military action in Syria, highlight the potential for clashes between Russian and allied forces in the increasingly crowded skies over Syria.

Russia sought to play down the incident. Defense Ministry spokesman Maj.-Gen. Igor Konashenkov said the jet accidentally entered Turkish airspace for "several seconds" Saturday while returning to its base about 30 kilometers (20 miles) south of the border with Turkey. He said the violation happened due to poor weather in the area, which forced the pilot to approach the base from the north.

Russia has taken measures "to prevent any such incidents

in the future," he added. The ministry said Russia had nothing to do with the second alleged incursion Sunday.

NATO called Russia's actions "irresponsible behavior," and U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Washington is conferring with Turkish leaders about the airspace violation.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the U.S. was "quite concerned" by Russia's action, describing it as a provocation.

"Given the stakes and sensitivity around the Russian military action in that region of the world, I think our concerns are well-founded," Earnest said.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry also expressed concern, telling reporters during a trip to Chile that the incident could have led to Turkey shooting down the Russian plane, and that Russia has a responsibility to act within international standards.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Russian warplanes had committed "unacceptable violations of Turkish airspace."

"Russia's actions are not contributing to the security and stability of the region. I call on Russia to fully respect NATO airspace and to avoid escalating tensions with the alliance," he said.

3 share Nobel medicine prize for tropical disease drugs

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The Nobel prize in medicine went Monday to three scientists hailed as "heroes in the truest sense of the word" for saving millions of lives with the creation of the world's leading malaria-fighting drug and another that has nearly wiped out two devastating tropical diseases.

Tu Youyou—the first-ever Chinese medicine laureate—turned to ancient texts to produce artemisinin, a drug that is now the top treatment for malaria. Inspired by traditional Chinese medicine, Tu discovered that a compound from the wormwood plant was highly effective against the malaria parasite, while working on a project for the Chinese military during the Cultural Revolution.

She will share the 8 million Swedish kronor (about \$960,000) award with Japanese microbiologist Satoshi Omura



Kitasato University Prof. Emeritus Satoshi Omura speaks during a press conference at the university in Tokyo, Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 after learning he and two other scientists from Ireland and China won the Nobel Prize in medicine.

and William Campbell, an Irish-born U.S. scientist.

Omura and Campbell created the drug avermectin, whose derivatives have nearly rid the planet of river blindness and

lymphatic filariasis, diseases caused by parasitic worms and spread by mosquitos and flies. They affect millions of people in Africa, Latin America and Asia, leaving sufferers blind

Amid unrest in West Bank, Israel demolishes militants' homes

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military on Tuesday demolished homes of two Palestinian militants in east Jerusalem, the army's first concrete steps following a late night Cabinet meeting in which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised a "strong hand" to quell recent deadly attacks.

The demolitions come amid weeks of heightened Palestinian unrest in east Jerusalem and the West Bank and a bloody holiday weekend in which four Israelis were killed in shooting and stabbing attacks.

Israeli forces have killed four Palestinians during violent protests.

The homes demolished early

Tuesday belonged to the families of a man who killed seven worshippers in a Jerusalem synagogue last year, and a second attacker who killed one person when he rammed a bulldozer into traffic. Although the attackers were immediately killed, Israel often carries out such demolitions of the homes of militants' families, believing it will deter future attacks.

Thousands of Israelis, including three ministers in Netanyahu's own government, demonstrated outside the prime minister's home on Monday night, demanding tough action.

The rash of violence began Thursday when Palestinian gunmen killed an Israeli couple in

their car near a settlement in the West Bank as their four children watched from the backseat.

Two days later, a Palestinian stabbed an Israeli man to death and seriously wounded his wife as they walked in Jerusalem's Old City, then attacked and killed another Israeli man.

Israeli forces, meanwhile, killed two suspected Palestinian assailants over the weekend and on Monday shot dead two teenage stone-throwers in West Bank clashes, one of them a 13-year-old boy.

Undercover Israeli troops later raided a Nablus hospital and nabbed a wounded Palestinian suspected of killing the Israeli couple.

or disfigured and often unable to work.

The Nobel committee said the winners, who are all in their 80s and made their breakthroughs in the 1970s and '80s, had given humankind powerful tools: "The consequences in terms of improved human health and reduced suffering are immeasurable," the committee said.

The Carter Center called the three laureates "heroes in the truest sense of the word, saving lives through medicine."

Campbell, 85, is a research fellow emeritus at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. He told the AP he made his main discovery in 1975 while working at pharmaceutical company Merck.

"It was a great team effort," said Campbell, who now lives in North Andover, Massachusetts. He said the award came as a "huge surprise."

Israeli intelligence said the Palestinian gunman had been accidentally shot by his friend as they killed the Israelis in Thursday's drive-by shooting, prompting them to flee the scene and likely saving the lives of the four children in the back seat.

Netanyahu said Israel has also deployed thousands more troops in the crackdown.

"We are acting with a strong hand against terrorism and against inciters. We are operating on all fronts," he said late Monday. "We are in a difficult struggle but one thing should be clear—we will win. Just as we defeated previous waves of terrorism, we will defeat this one as well."

Good Housekeeping

6 steps to prevent carpet mold after water damage

By **JASON HARGRAVES**
ANGIE'S LIST

Homeowners who experience even a small amount of water seeping into their homes either from flooding or a broken pipe should be concerned about mold.

It doesn't take much water for mold to grow and do a lot of harm.

"All it needs is a little moisture and a little dark space, and it can grow so quickly," contractor Danny Lipford tells KTRK-TV in Houston.

Homeowners who experience a double whammy of flooding and power outages from spring or summer storms are especially susceptible to mold growth.

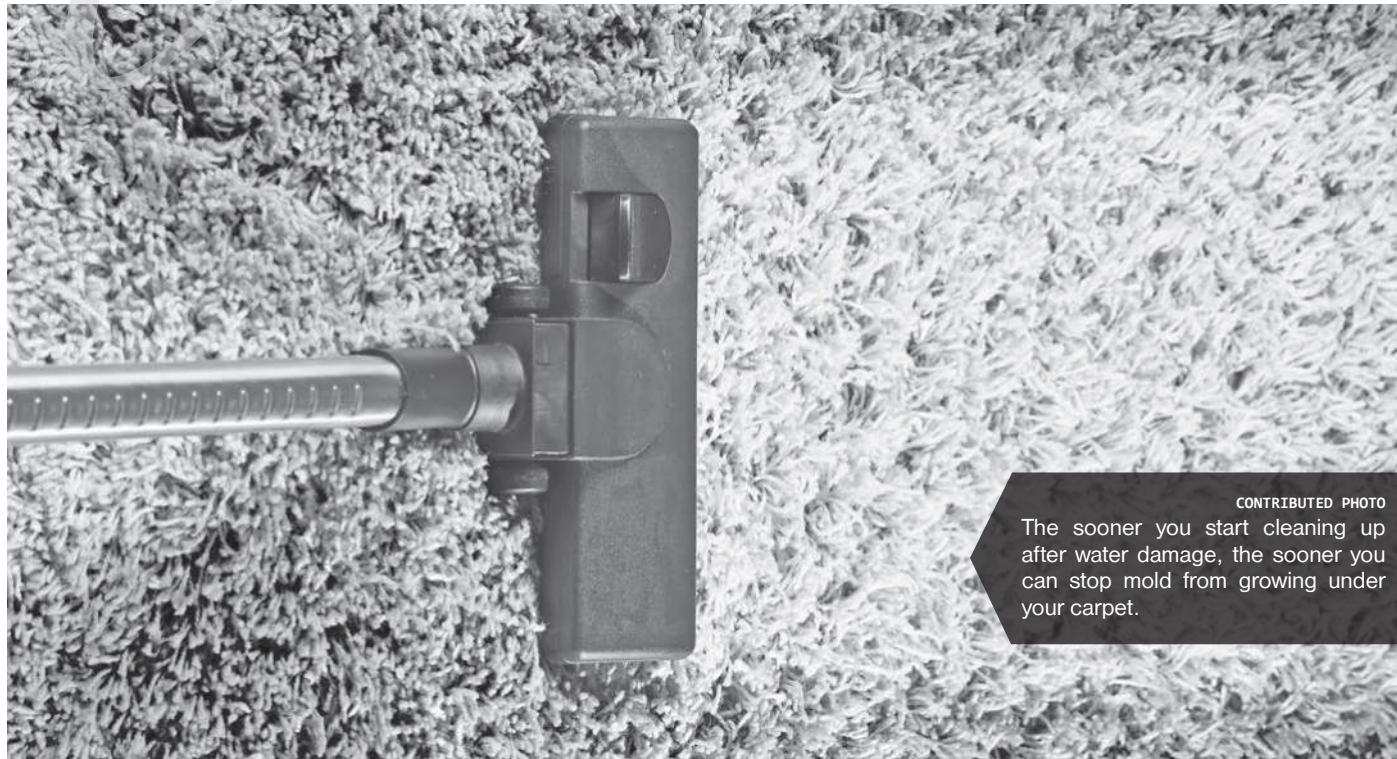
These situations can create warm, dark and humid environments—conditions in which mold and mildew thrive.

"It can be there, and you won't know it at all," says Lipford, who owns Lipford Construction in Mobile, Ala., "Especially very porous materials—carpet, carpet pad and insulation that's in walls."

The sooner you start cleaning up after water damage, the sooner you can stop mold from growing under your carpet.

The tools are simple: fans, bleach and cleaners.

Red Cross officials say many



homeowners can get rid of the mold just fine after a flood, but it will require a bit of elbow grease.

"It's mainly a matter of scrubbing," says Ken Garcia with the Red Cross Tulsa chapter. "It's kind of getting down on your hands and knees and really scrubbing."

Exposure to mold can cause health problems for some people by irritating the nose, eyes throat or lungs. Breathing airborne mold may trigger symp-

toms in those with hay fever, asthma and allergies.

The best way to keep mold from spreading is to act fast when you know water is present. If you follow these six steps from Ayoub Carpet Service in Chantilly, Va., you should stay mold free.

1. Remove water as quickly as possible

Use a wet/dry vacuum to clean up as much water as soon as possible. These machines are the most effective tools for removing water and can be rented or provided by water- and smoke-damage remediation

companies that specialize in repairing residential flood damage.

2. Use fans to speed up carpet-drying process

It can take several days for fans to completely dry a water-damaged area. The good news is that they also help circulate fresh air.

"When you think it's all nice and dry inside, it's not," Lipford adds. "Keep the fans going 24 hours a day for at least another week or so."

Homeowners can rent high-power drying fans from local home improvement stores with

tool rental service.

3. Use a dehumidifier to dry out the room

These machines remove excessive moisture, which makes the air feel cooler and limits mold and mildew growth. Any equipment that helps dry out the air and the ground will speed up the drying time for your damaged floors and coverings.

4. Steam clean carpet and flooring

Steam clean all carpets to properly sanitize and deodorize. Typically, water-damaged carpet padding must be replaced.

Replacing just the padding is

much less expensive than having to re-carpet your entire home.

5. Sanitize walls and baseboards

Anything touched by storm water should be sanitized. Clean all walls, hard-surface floors and other household surfaces with soap and water.

Sanitize them with a solution of 1.5 cups of chlorine bleach to one gallon of water. Remember to wear rubber gloves during cleanup.

6. Check furniture

Look for water damage and remove furniture from wet flooring.

Water damage can easily be hidden underneath rugs or carpet, so be sure to give your home a thorough inspection if you suspect water damage.

Cleaning water-soaked carpets and floors is difficult under any conditions, but in the aftermath of a storm or flood, contamination by mud, silt, sewage and mildew, can compound the problem. The Institute for Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification recommends that in such cases, a certified mold restoration service provider should evaluate water damage and remove mold.

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Spending is up on DIY home improvements

By **ALAN J. HEAVENS**
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

The Home Projects Council conducted a recent survey of 507 homeowners, and 45 percent said they planned to spend \$1,000 or more on outdoor do-it-yourself home-improvement projects in 2015.

In 2014, just 37 percent of homeowners responding planned to spend at that level.

This year's survey responses also showed that building projects would be increasing at a greater rate over last year than landscaping, repair and maintenance projects.

The top DIY construction project was building a shed or storage structure, followed by pouring a concrete patio, steps or sidewalk, the survey showed. Next in line were installing a garden pond or bird bath, and building a deck or porch, patio or walkway, the council said.

"While home maintenance projects remain a priority, homeowners are becoming more comfortable and confident with more involved and complex home improvement projects," said Frank Owens, vice president of marketing for Quikrete Cos. and a member

of the council.

The survey found that the biggest factor preventing homeowners from attempting or completing an outdoor project was the expense, followed closely by the time required.

Knob and tube redux. Frank Messenger, who served as consultant on all things electrical for my second book in 2007, emailed me after my May 31 article on knob-and-tube wiring in homes for sale and the problems such listings are facing.

"The biggest problem with knob and tube is there is rarely a ground connection, making anything plugged into one of these circuits potentially hazardous," Messenger reminded me—and now you.

Be prepared. Bad weather is never far away, so it is always time to prepare for that inevitability.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency website Ready.gov offers many tips for preparing for an emergency.

FEMA also offers a free app that is available for download on smartphones.

It's hurricane season now. For information, visit FEMA's <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>.

COMFORT FOOD

The perfect after-school or midnight snack, it's made with a blend of buttermilk and mayonnaise instead of butter in the batter.

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 3/4 cups mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- Rich Chocolate Frosting:
- 4 (1 ounce each) squares semisweet chocolate
- 2 (1 ounce each) squares unsweetened chocolate
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) margarine, softened, substitute butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1.** Heat oven to 350 F. Grease 13-by-9-inch metal baking pan.
- 2.** In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda and salt.
- 3.** In medium bowl, with wire whisk, mix buttermilk, mayonnaise, vanilla and eggs until almost smooth.
- 4.** With spoon, stir buttermilk mixture into flour mixture until

batter is smooth. Spoon into baking pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on wire rack.

5. Prepare Rich Chocolate Frosting: In small, heavy saucepan, melt chocolates over low heat. Remove pan from heat; cool chocolate to room temperature.

6. In large bowl, with mixer at low speed, beat confectioners' sugar, margarine or butter, softened, and vanilla extract until almost combined. Add melted, cooled chocolate. Increase speed to high and beat about 1 minute or until light and fluffy.

7. When cake is cool, spread with frosting. Makes

18 servings.

* Each serving: About 400 calories, 20g total fat (4g saturated), 5g protein, 52g carbohydrate, 28mg cholesterol, 380mg sodium. For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipefinder/. (Hearst Communications, Inc.)



Life & Style

John Stamos surrenders to being charming in 'Grandfathered'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In conversation, John Stamos comes across as entirely at ease in his handsome, age-defying skin.

Who wouldn't be? But he admits that he longed to slip into something less comfortable on TV, a character distant from the good-natured charmers he's known for. He thought he'd found it.

"I was auditioning for an Amazon pilot called 'Cocked,' as this drugged-out guy who inherits a gun company. It was very dark, and I just kept auditioning, and I really wanted it, and I didn't get it," he recalled.

His agent had a rebound suggestion. If his goal was to be on TV and entertain viewers, Stamos was advised to do what he does best.

He found the role and the vehicle in Fox's new comedy "Grandfathered" (8 p.m. EDT Tuesday), cut with couture precision to fit him. Stamos plays a restaurateur and—kinda—content single guy who finds his self-absorbed life upended by the 20-something son he didn't know he had. Oh, and there's also a grandbaby.

Stamos, 52, has effectively played against type before, most notably in Broadway revivals "Cabaret" and Gore Vidal's "The Best Man." But he says he's happily accepted his "Grandfathered" fate as swinging Jimmy Martino, suddenly



In this Aug. 6, 2015 file photo, actor John Stamos, from the new comedy "Grandfathered," poses for a portrait during the Fox 2015 Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour in Beverly Hills, Calif. AP

grounded by his past.

"I'm satisfied with being a guy who's likable and funny and self-deprecating," Stamos said. "I don't need to stretch so far, especially in television where you could play a character, hopefully, for years. You want to play something that you enjoy doing for 10, 12, 14 hours a day."

And if the playboy-out-of-water evokes "Full House," the 1980s-plus comedy in which he played a breezily irresponsible

guy called on to help raise a family (and which is being revisited with a Netflix sequel), Stamos is unfazed.

"I'm not afraid to lean into what people want to see me do. And I'm not afraid to throw a baby in there if I have to. Or throw in some old friend that I used to be on another TV show with, if that's what people want to see," he said, the latter a reference to "Full House" alum Bob Saget, a guest star on "Grandfathered."

It's a mechanical approach that's more typical than not in TV, but with good result here. The well-cast series includes an appealing Josh Peck ("Drake & Josh") as Gerald, the son in need of a dad; the always welcome Paget Brewster ("Community," "Criminal Minds") as Sara, Gerald's mom and the woman who's sure Jimmy isn't family-man material; and Christina Milian as Vanessa, Gerald's baby mama who sees him only as a pal and co-parent.

The pilot comedy has the pace, smarts and just enough heart to make it appealing without descending into either cuteness overkill or crassness. That's thanks to Stamos, a hands-on executive producer as well as star, and the writer-producers he's collaborating with.

Daniel Chun, the series' creator, has an impressive resume that includes "The Simpsons," "The Office" and "Happy Endings." Fellow executive producer Dan Fogelman's credits include the movie "Cars" and TV series "Galavant."

"Grandfathered" is paired with Fox's "The Grinder," which also stars a great-looking, 50-something guy, Rob Lowe. The audience showed interest, with each series drawing a respectable 5 million viewers in last week's debuts against blockbuster competitors "NCIS" and "The Voice."

Besides "Grandfathered," Stamos is resurrecting the character of Jesse Katsopolis for "Fuller House," which he pushed as a producer to get made. It's slated for release

next year.

While his work ethic is undeniable, Stamos credits his enduring looks and energy to his "stress-free" approach to life (with a nod to good genes).

"Sometimes it gets me in trouble and sometimes it's not the best thing, but I have a very youthful attitude toward everything," he said. "It's part of not wanting to be an adult. I keep going into adulthood kicking and screaming, I think."

Does the bachelor (since his marriage to Rebecca Romijn ended in 2005) face pressure to embrace other aspects of grown-up life? Maybe even have real kids, not just proxy TV ones?

"I end up making my sister a promise every year, and it's been going on for four or five years, that if I don't end up having a baby in a year that I'll look into adopting one," said Stamos, a longtime advocate for Project Cuddle, a child protection charity.

That vow satisfies your sibling?

"Seems to," he said. Charmingly, of course.

'Britney bill' for tax break on shows advances in New Jersey

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—A measure dubbed the "Britney bill" that would exempt stars who play at least four nights in Atlantic City from having to pay state income taxes on all shows in New Jersey that year is a step closer to becoming law.

The measure is the latest of many efforts to help the struggling seaside resort. It got its moniker because it encourages the sort of multnight engagements that Britney Spears, Celine Dion, Motley Crue and other artists have done in Las Vegas.

It was approved Monday by a state Senate committee. But a liberal think tank derided it as a "silly" waste of money.

It's sponsored by Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean and Senate Democrat James Whelan, who view it as a way to attract extended stands for A-list stars.

"There is tremendous value in the ability to consistently draw world-class entertainment here, especially considering widely successful A-listers residencies in Las Vegas, where there's no state income tax," Kean said. "The more than 50,000 fans who paid to see A-list performer Maroon 5 in August gives a glimpse of how Atlantic City can transform into a premier entertainment destination, drawing tourists from the most densely populated Northeast Corridor, two of America's largest cities that are each less than two hours away, and from

around the world via nearby international airports."

The bill would exempt artists from state taxes not only on their Atlantic City performance but also on shows at New Jersey venues including arenas in Camden, Trenton, Holmdel and Newark.

Just who is an A-lister—and qualifies for the tax breaks—may require a delicate touch. New Jersey's secretary of state would set qualifications for the benefit, taking into account music and ticket sales along with awards the performer has won.

New Jersey Policy Perspective said the state should fully tax the entertainers and use the money for pressing statewide needs.

"If Katy Perry, who made \$135 million last year, played four times in Atlantic City and also did a two-week run of 10 shows at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey would free her from paying state income taxes on any of the 14 concerts," the group's president Gordon MacInnes said. "Wealthy entertainers don't pick concert venues for their tax rates; they go where they will find an audience. If entertainers want to 'Do AC,' New Jersey should tax them and use the revenue for important resources to actually build the state economy, like good schools and efficient transportation networks."

The bill will probably head next to the Senate budget committee.

Theater gossip Michael Riedel writes a history of Broadway

NEW YORK (AP)—When you read New York Post theater columnist Michael Riedel, there's no mistaking whom the writer is. He's snarky and skewering and gleeful. That makes his latest project all the more interesting.

The acid-tongued stage gossip has written a book about Broadway's history and he's not opinionated or snarky at all. There's no Michael Riedel.

"I try to make my columns kind of punchy, light and breezy—bim, boom, rat-a-tat-tat. The old gossip style, I like that. The jangle of the town, the jangle of Broadway," he said. "But I knew that I couldn't sustain a 400-page book with that style because it would become incredibly tedious."

The result is "Razzle Dazzle: The Battle for Broadway," a very entertaining look at how the Great White Way has been shaped over the past century. To write it, the 48-year-old conducted some 70 interviews and read 40 books.

"I never thought about writing a book in my life," he said. "As a writer, I'm a sprinter. I do 750 words and I go have drinks with my friends. That's my life."

Riedel, who by some is feared

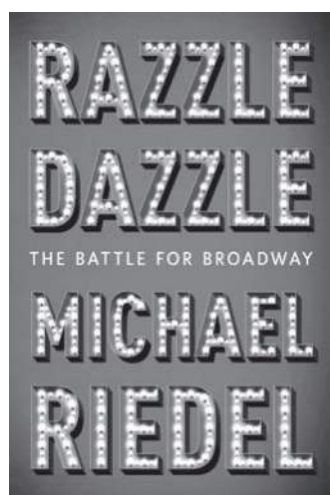
and even loathed, in person is charming and eloquent. His modest apartment in the West Village reveals a Columbia University history major's love of books—titles on everything from Hafez Assad to Saki and Willem de Kooning.

To write his history of the Great White Way, he decided to interview all the key players, set scenes and let the story be told through the characters. "I tried to take myself out of it and let them do the talking," he said.

The book explores the rivalry between the two big theatrical dynasties—the Nederlanders and the Shuberts—as well as the transformation of Broadway from a seedy, scary place to family-friendly tourist trap.

He deals with the devastation wreaked by AIDS, the controversial decision to build the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square, the creation of key shows like "A Chorus Line" and the British invasion led by Andrew Lloyd Webber. His backroom stories are fascinating.

"A lot of writers, certainly people writing their first books, feel this need to impress on every line how smart they are," said Ben Loehnen, Riedel's editor at Simon & Schuster. "Not



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This book cover image released by Simon & Schuster shows "Razzle Dazzle: The Battle for Broadway," a look at how the Great White Way has been shaped over the past century.

with Michael. There's not this sense that he's tripping over himself to impress you. He is just telling you what he knows."

While writing, Riedel would lean on three books he admires—Gay Talese's "The Kingdom and the Power," David Halberstam's "The Powers That Be" and Robert Caro's "The Power Broker."

"I thought, 'Well, I'm never going to be the kind of writer those guys are, but I'm going to

try to do what they did and the way they let their history unfold—dramatic, compelling and character-driven,'" said Riedel.

"Look, I'm a literary thief, like all writers. And if you're going to steal, you might as well steal from ones that got the goods."

He usually typed away cross-legged on his laptop resting on his coffee table, starting work every day in the midafternoon and ending hours later. "I knew when it was working when I would start writing and I had no sense of time," he said.

Riedel, who is also a co-host of PBS' "Theater Talk," has been a fixture on Broadway for more than two decades. He spoke to producers, actors, press agents, union honchos and anyone who had something juicy. (He said only two people turned him down—mogul David Geffen and former theater critic Frank Rich.)

"As with everything in life, timing—especially for a book like this—is everything. People were still around but enough time had gone by that they could be open and candid," said Riedel. "It's probably arrogant to say, but I don't think anyone could have written this book but me because I was there at the right time."

Kerouac's knickknacks go on the road to author's hometown



In this Sept. 18, 2015 photo provided by the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, some of author Jack Kerouac's belongings, including a Frank Sinatra album and collection of figurines, are displayed on the desk where he once wrote, in the exhibit "Kerouac Retrieved: Items from the John Sampas Collection," at the university in Lowell, Mass. **AP**

LOWELL, Mass. (AP)—The eclectic bric-a-brac that comforted and inspired writer Jack Kerouac is going on the road.

"Kerouac Retrieved," an exhibition of the clutter that surrounded Kerouac at the simple wooden desk in Florida where he wrote many of his works, opens Thursday in the author's hometown of Lowell.

It's a hodgepodge of personal items: family photos, Christian and Buddhist figurines, a Frank Sinatra album, cat carriers he fashioned by hand. Kerouac experts at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, which is hosting the show, say the items help humanize the Beat Generation icon who wrote "On the Road," "The Dharma Bums" and other celebrated works.

"Actually touching something he touched—it's really an uncanny experience," said Mi-

chael Millner, a UMass-Lowell professor who runs the school's Jack and Stella Kerouac Center for Public Humanities.

Millner and fellow Kerouac scholar Todd Tietchen arranged to have the items brought to Lowell from the novelist's bungalow in St. Petersburg, Florida—the last place he lived before essentially drinking himself to death at age 47 in 1969.

Kerouac was born in gritty, industrial Lowell in 1922. Though most of his works were written elsewhere, they're peppered with references to his hometown. At the time of his death, Kerouac even kept a Lowell telephone directory on his desk.

It's the other trinkets, though, that capture the imagination.

There's the little plastic bride and groom that topped his wedding cake. The tiny model of a Triumph motorcycle—a curious knickknack for someone who never got a driver's

license. The whimsical fisherman and sea captain salt and pepper shakers. The records (Sinatra's "Someone to Watch Over Me" and music by Cole Porter and Tchaikovsky.) The incense burner.

"These things give us a sense of who Kerouac was," said Tietchen. "People think of him as being on the road, aimless, shiftless. But he was also a domestic person, a cat lover. These items tell the story of his life."

For decades, Lowell's most famous son was underappreciated in his hometown. That changed in the 1990s, when John Sampas, Kerouac's brother-in-law and literary executor, labored to make the writer's works and personal effects more accessible. New manuscripts were published; older ones republished.

"Now there's a real celebration of his legacy. It's a doorway into the history of the city," Millner said.

As Tietchen puts it: "Kerouac is to Lowell what Emerson is to Concord."

"Bringing his belongings to UMass-Lowell is a little like bringing Jack Kerouac back to his hometown," said university chancellor Jacquie Moloney.

Today's hipsters are discovering Kerouac—not just because he favored plaid flannel shirts and Levis, but for his freewheeling, freethinking prose and his pursuit of what Tietchen calls "a principled state of marginality."

An exhibition wall features a stenciled quote from "Beat Spotlight," Kerouac's last unfinished book: "... There was nothing nobler for me to do with my lifetime than to dedicate it to telling true stories about life as I had seen it and lived it."

On a period typewriter tucked in a corner, visitors are invited to peck out their impressions.

"Typing is now an old thing," wrote one. "But your writing is not."

Train hero honors Oregon town on 'Dancing with the Stars'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An emotional Alek Skarlatos returned to "Dancing with the Stars" to honor his Oregon college town hit by a mass killing, calling the event harder to comprehend than the terrorist attack he helped stop in France.

Skarlatos, whose August heroics on a French train led to an invitation from ABC's dance contest, was rehearsing in Los Angeles instead of attending Umpqua Community College when a gunman killed nine people last Thursday.

He had quickly headed to Roseburg, Oregon, after learning of the tragedy.

"It's honestly the strangest emotion I ever felt," Skarlatos said in a pre-taped segment that aired on the show Monday. "Even the train made more sense than this does. ... There's nothing you can do."



In this Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 file photo, Alek Skarlatos, one of the three Americans who stopped a terrorist attack aboard a Paris-bound train in August, talks to reporters about the shooting at Umpqua Community College, in Roseburg, Ore. **AP**

He said his heart was with the people of Roseburg and he hoped to "do them proud" on the dance floor. He and partner Lindsay Arnold drew praise

from the show's judges after their performance.

"It must be incredibly hard to perform with such emotional turmoil," said panelist Bruno

Tonioli, adding, "Well done."

The show, which asked each celebrity contestant to link their dance routine to a memorable year, drew tears from other competitors including Bindi Irwin. She recalled losing her father, Steve, to a 2006 sting-ray attack.

In a segment taped before the Roseburg shooting, Skarlatos had chosen 2015 as his year to remember. He and two friends, U.S. Air Force Airman Spencer Stone and Anthony Sadler, were traveling together when they thwarted the train attack.

Skarlatos and Arnold will be competing again next week, with Gary Busey and pro partner Anna Trebunskaya voted off Monday.

The show had a guest host, actor Alfonso Ribeiro, who had stepped in to allow host Tom Bergeron to be with his ill father.

The Weeknd, One Direction to perform on Jingle Ball tour

NEW YORK (AP)—The Weeknd, One Direction and Selena Gomez are slated to perform on the 11-date Jingle Ball tour this December.

iHeartRadio announced Monday that the tour will kick off Dec. 1 in Dallas with One Direction, Calvin Harris and Demi Lovato, and visit Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. before concluding on Dec. 19 in

Tampa, Florida.

The lineup of performers varies for each city, though roughly 10 acts will hit the stage at each show.

Tickets go on sale on Oct. 12.

The Dec. 11 show at New York's Madison Square Garden will stream on Yahoo! and air as a 90-minute special on the CW Network on Dec. 17.

Nick Jonas, Ellie Goulding, Hailee Steinfeld and Zedd will also perform on the tour.

Stepson and his sister are too close for wife's comfort

DEAR ABBY: I am happily married to a great man. I have a young daughter from a previous marriage, and my husband has two teenagers, a boy and girl, from a prior marriage. Like many blended families, we have our struggles, but one is becoming increasingly difficult to deal with.

I don't know how to put this tastefully, but I'll state it this way: My stepchildren are "too close," if you know what I mean. They flirt, constantly touch each other and playfully tease each other. (A few people have even mistaken them for a couple.) My husband doesn't seem to notice this unhealthy behavior. How can I get through to my husband or deal with this?

REPULSED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR REPULSED: Was the relationship between your husband's children making you uncomfortable before you married their father? If so, did you bring it to his attention at that time?

Family relationships can vary, and because I haven't witnessed what you have observed, I can't advise you other than to suggest that family counseling might be in order to determine whether the kids have a normal sibling relationship or if it has gone over the line.

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DEAR ABBY: Last spring we helped our daughter's longtime friend move out of the college dorm room she shared with our daughter. Her parents are divorced and weren't available to help her move or give us money to help her, and she had just broken up with her boyfriend.

We rented a van and offered to let her stay at our home as long as she helped pay for groceries and got a job. She got the job, but never helped pay for food or did anything around the house, including keeping her room clean.

After two weeks, she and her boyfriend got back together, and she was spending every night with him at his parents' house. She would return to our home to eat, wash clothes, shower and use the Internet. I finally had to tell her this was not acceptable, and that she needed to decide to either live here or move in with her boyfriend. She moved out.

Now, it is uncomfortable when she comes around. I don't feel I did anything wrong, but my daughter thinks I shouldn't have made a big deal out of her sleeping at her boyfriend's house and using our house as a place to park her stuff, eat and wash her clothes. What do you think?

NO TIME FOR FREELOADERS

DEAR NO TIME: You were generous to be as supportive as you were of your daughter's former roommate. This has noth-

DEAR ABBY

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ing to do with her sleeping at her boyfriend's. You asked only that she behave like an adult and contribute by paying for her food and keeping her room clean. She didn't keep her part of the bargain. You shouldn't feel uncomfortable; she should, for not behaving responsibly.

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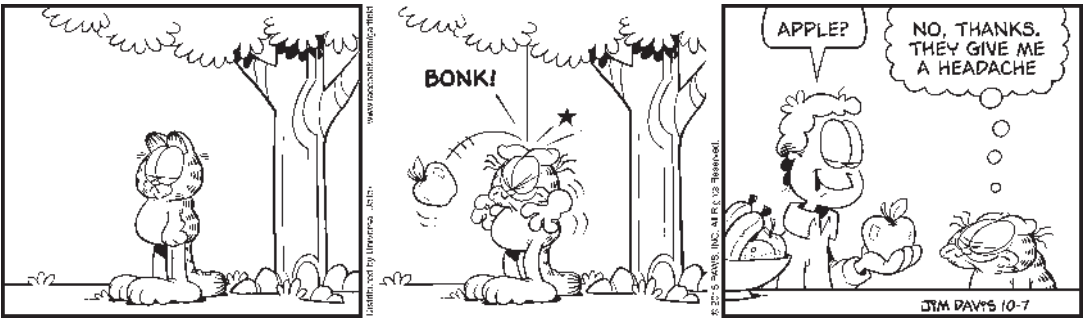
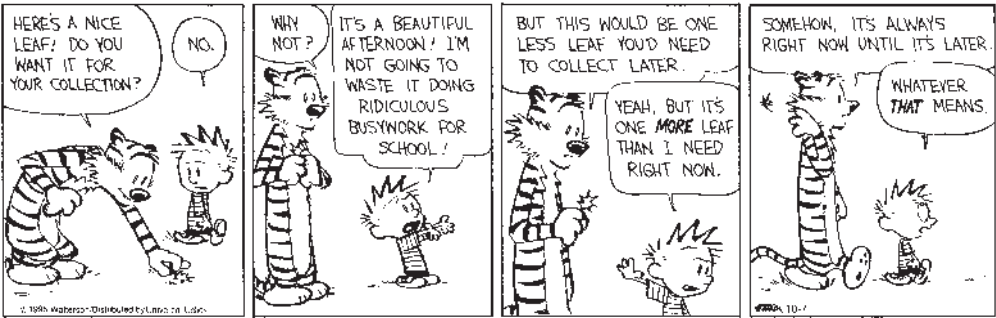
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Yesterdays answer 10-7

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shawn Ashmore, 36; Toni Braxton, 48; Simon Cowell, 56; Joy Behar, 73.

Happy Birthday: The more you do for others, the more you will get in return. This is a sharing, caring year that can bring great satisfaction while enhancing your reputation with your peers or in your community. Love is on the rise, and making positive changes within important relationships will lead to happiness and peace of mind. Live life fully. Your numbers are 1, 7, 12, 20, 27, 38, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will attract attention and stir up plenty of action. Let your imagination run wild and delve into creative projects. Show off your skills and make a point to stand out in a crowd. Live, love and laugh. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't leave anything unfinished if you want to avoid criticism. Once you have taken care of your responsibilities, you will feel free to do something that is new and exciting. Someone unique will inspire you to incorporate change into your everyday routine. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make personal changes. A pick-me-up will get you pumped up and eager to get your plans underway. Don't let anyone talk you into a costly venture. Figure out a way to stick to your budget and get what you want. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Living in the past and daydreaming will be comforting, but hardly helpful. You'll be faced with criticism and complaints if you don't start

moving forward and living life. Family and friends will leave you behind if you don't keep up. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put dramatic tendencies in the closet. You are best to do what you say and bring about the changes you've been contemplating and procrastinating about. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Romance will improve your love life. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep demanding individuals at a distance. Get your priorities straight and your responsibilities taken care of so you can get on with your day without feeling guilty. A last-minute social invite will lead to an interesting liaison. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Being a participant will show others what you are capable of doing. A change in the way you are treated and the offers people make will lead to greater prosperity. Romance is in the stars, and celebrating with someone you love is encouraged. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Concentrate on getting ahead, not getting angry. It's up to you to put forth your best effort and let the results you get speak for you. Follow the path that excites you the most, not the one everyone else is taking. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be the center of attention. Your playful, free-spirited attitude will draw followers, but also skeptics. Make sure that whatever promises you make are ones you intend to honor. Your flirtatious ways will get you into trouble if you aren't careful. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone will hold you to a promise or question what you say. Be hopeful and be prepared to share your strategy with facts and figures to back you up. Don't be afraid of being different. Make your uniqueness your platform. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Chat with people about your plans and how you intend to move forward. Love and romance are in the stars and can help you reach your personal goals. The future looks safe, secure and inviting. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Accomplishment will require deep concentration and an understanding of what it will take to turn your desires into a reality. Don't be fooled by what others are saying. Stand by your own principles and do what suits you best. ★★★

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SEATTLE (AP) — With one big punch, Kam Chancellor showed his importance to the

Seattle Seahawks.

With one little touch, K.J. Wright provided another Monday night controversy in the same end zone where the infamous "Fail Mary" took place.

"Now that you look at it, we we're fortunate," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Chancellor knocked the ball free from Detroit wide receiver Calvin Johnson at the 1-yard line when it appeared the Lions were going to take the lead, and Seattle held on for a 13-10 win.

With Detroit on the verge of capping a 91-yard drive with the go-ahead touchdown with less than 2 minutes remaining, Chancellor came from the side and punched the ball from Johnson's arm as he was being tackled by Earl Thomas. It bounded into the end zone where it was guided over the back line by K.J. Wright for a touchback and Seattle's ball at the 20.

But Wright should have been called for an illegal bat for hitting the ball out of the end zone, NFL VP of Officiating Dean Blandino told NFL Network. The penalty would have given the ball back to Detroit at the Seattle 1.

No flags were thrown and on the ensuing possession, Russell Wilson found Jermaine Kearse for 50 yards on third down. With Detroit out of timeouts, the Seahawks (2-2) ran off the final seconds of their second straight win.

"The back judge was on the play and in his judgment he didn't feel it was an overt act so he didn't throw the flag," Blandino said. "In looking at the replays it looked like a bat so the enforcement would be basically we would go back to the spot of the fumble and Detroit would keep the football."



Wright said he did not know the rule and was purposely guiding the ball over the end line.

"That was definitely the thought process just to get the ball out of bounds and not try to catch it and fumble it and hit my foot and the Lions recover it," Wright said.

The non-call provided another memorable Monday night moment in Seattle. It was three years ago when replacement officials credited Golden Tate with a disputed touchdown reception on the

final play in nearly the same spot as Seattle beat Green Bay.

Now it was Tate, playing for Detroit, on the opposite side of a strange play in the Emerald City. Detroit (0-4) is off to its worst start since it also started 0-4 in 2010.

"What can you do? You're not going to cry about it that's for sure," Detroit coach Jim Caldwell said.

It was an ugly performance by the home team, filled with offensive mistakes and two fourth-

quarter fumbles by Wilson, the second returned 27 yards for a touchdown by Caraun Reid to pull Detroit to 13-10.

But in the end, Seattle's defense came through.

Starting on their 9 with 6:23 remaining, the Lions converted a big third down on Tate's 22-yard catch-and-run and reached the Seattle 46 with 3 minutes left on Ameer Abdullah's 9-yard run. Matthew Stafford then zipped a pass to No. 3 tight end Tim Wright down the seam for

26 yards to the Seattle 20 with 2:30 remaining, placing it in between Richard Sherman, Earl Thomas and Chancellor.

The Lions reached the Seattle

Seattle Seahawks strong safety Kam Chancellor (31) knocks the ball loose from Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson (81) in the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 5, 2015, in Seattle.

11 and on third-and-1, Stafford passed to an open Johnson. As he stretched for the goal line, Chancellor came across and knocked the ball free.

"I (saw) a lot of brown ball so I attacked it, punched it and made a big play at the end," Chancellor said. "When I punched it I (saw) it fly out and roll. It took forever. The ball was rolling for a long time."

Seattle has not allowed an offensive touchdown in the two games since Chancellor ended his holdout. It has forced 18 punts during that stretch.

"Give us an inch and we protected it," Thomas said. "It just feels so good. I think we just need games like this for us to come together."

Wilson was forced to be an escape artist as Seattle's offensive line continued to struggle with protection. Wilson threw for 287 yards and rushed for another 40 yards, but was sacked six times. Wilson's most memorable play was spinning free of two near sacks and finding Kearse for 34 yards in the second quarter, and then hitting Doug Baldwin on a 24-yard TD on the next play.

"A win is a win but at the same time we tried to give it to them," Baldwin said. "We can't be doing that."

New coach Campbell says Dolphins need a change in culture

MIAMI (AP)—The new Miami Dolphins coach says talent is not their problem.

Dan Campbell thinks the Dolphins need a more aggressive, intense, competitive environment, and he plans to provide it.

Campbell was promoted Monday from his job as an assistant when the Dolphins fired Joe Philbin four games into his fourth season. Campbell's only coaching experience is with the Dolphins, who hired him as an intern in 2010, and he has been their tight ends coach since 2011.

"This is my sixth season with the Miami Dolphins, and this is the most talented roster we have had in those six years," Campbell said. "We have plenty of talent. I feel there's a lot more we can get out of these guys."

Campbell, a former NFL tight end, said the prospect of replacing Philbin and becoming a head coach was "a little surreal." But he expects to retain

the job beyond his interim stint.

"I'm not here just to finish the season up," Campbell said. "That's not my plan. We're coming here to win games. It's still early. We have time to turn everything around. But we can't wait."

Campbell said the Dolphins (1-3) need to show more aggressiveness, stopping just short of dirty play, and he looks forward to breaking up a few fights in practice. His passionate, fiery demeanor is a big change from the even-keel Philbin.

"My vision is a bunch of hard-nosed guys that go out every day for practice and are ultra-competitive," Campbell said. "These are guys that are scratching and clawing, very intense, very heated, and on Sunday it's that same team."

"We are going to play by the rules, but we're going to be much more aggressive. There's always that line: 'This is OK

to do, and this is dirty.' I'm not saying we want dirty players, but we're going to walk that line. I don't want us playing on our heels. I want us playing on our toes."

Owner Stephen Ross fired Philbin one day after a flop on an international stage helped seal his fate. The Dolphins lost their third game in a row Sunday with their fourth consecutive lackluster performance, a 27-14 loss to the archrival New York Jets in London.

Few will accuse Ross of impatience. He ignored calls to fire Philbin in December after the team faded to finish 8-8 for a second successive season. Doubts only grew this season regarding Philbin's ability to motivate players.

"I don't believe we were performing at the potential we have," Ross said. "My goal is still to make the playoffs. I felt this was the best opportunity we

have—to pick Dan Campbell as our head coach."

Campbell lists Sean Payton and Bill Parcells as mentors. His relationship with Payton dates to 1999, when Campbell was drafted by the New York Giants and Payton was on their coaching staff.

"Dan is a fantastic guy, great worker ... someone that is tough, strong - I can't say enough good things," said Payton, now coach of the New Orleans Saints. "The difficult part of it always is when it's happening in midseason. But Dan's someone I know well, and know that he'll handle that as best he can."

Campbell said he wasn't ready to make any decisions regarding possible changes in the rest of the coaching staff, which includes embattled defensive coordinator Kevin Coyle. Miami has a bye this week and next plays at Tennessee on Oct. 18.

Ryan Mallett to start for Texans against Colts

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Texans are sticking with Ryan Mallett as their starting quarterback despite his recent struggles.

Mallett threw an interception and didn't lead the Texans to any points before he was replaced by Brian Hoyer late in a 48-21 loss to the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday.

Hoyer threw two touchdown passes and directed three scoring drives late against a Falcons defense that had pulled most of its starters. Hoyer won the job out of camp, but was benched after one game in favor of Mallett.

The Texans (1-3) have a short turnaround before hosting AFC South foe Indianapolis on Thursday night.

"He's our starting quarterback," coach Bill O'Brien said of Mallett. "Like all of us, he knows that he has to play better. We all have to do better. He's got to do a better job of throwing the ball more accurately, be more controlled in the pocket, don't turn it over, gets us into the right play, but that's who will start against the Indianapolis Colts."

Mallett has thrown for 720

yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions this season. He's in his fifth season, but has started just five games in his career after playing behind Tom Brady in New England for three seasons and being injured in his second game after getting the starting job in Houston last year.

O'Brien was asked why he was staying with Mallett since Hoyer was more effective on Sunday.

"Brian did go in there and do some good things," O'Brien said. "It was 42-0 at that time. It was a passing game. He did a good job. But I think right now being on a short week and things like that, I think it's important for us to stick with Ryan right now."

Mallett will be without one of his top targets on Thursday with Cecil Shorts out indefinitely after dislocating his left shoulder on Sunday. He was hurt on the final play of the game when he was driven to the ground and fumbled after catching a pass. Receiver Nate Washington is day to day with a hamstring injury but will likely play.

CC Sabathia to enter alcohol rehab center, miss playoffs



NEW YORK (AP)—CC Sabathia walked into manager Joe Girardi's office in Baltimore on Sunday and made a stunning admission: He has an alcohol problem.

"The first thing he said is, 'I need help,'" Girardi said Monday during a workout at Yankee Stadium for the AL wild-card game. "I was shocked."

Sabathia surprised many in the Yankees organization by revealing his problem. And with the team's help, the burly left-hander is checking into a rehab center and will miss the postseason, a setback to the pitching staff the day before New York meets Houston in the AL wild-card game.

The team issued a statement Monday from the 2007 AL Cy Young Award winner, who said he took the step to receive the care he needs and become the kind of person "I can be proud of."

"I love baseball and I love my teammates like brothers, and I am also fully aware that I am leaving at a time when we should all be coming together for one last push toward the World Series," the 35-year-old Sabathia said. "It hurts me deeply to do this now, but I owe it to myself and to my family to get myself right. I want to take control of my disease, and I want to be a better man, father and player."

A leader in the clubhouse

who helped the Yankees to the 2009 World Series championship, Sabathia received the unconditional support of his teammates.

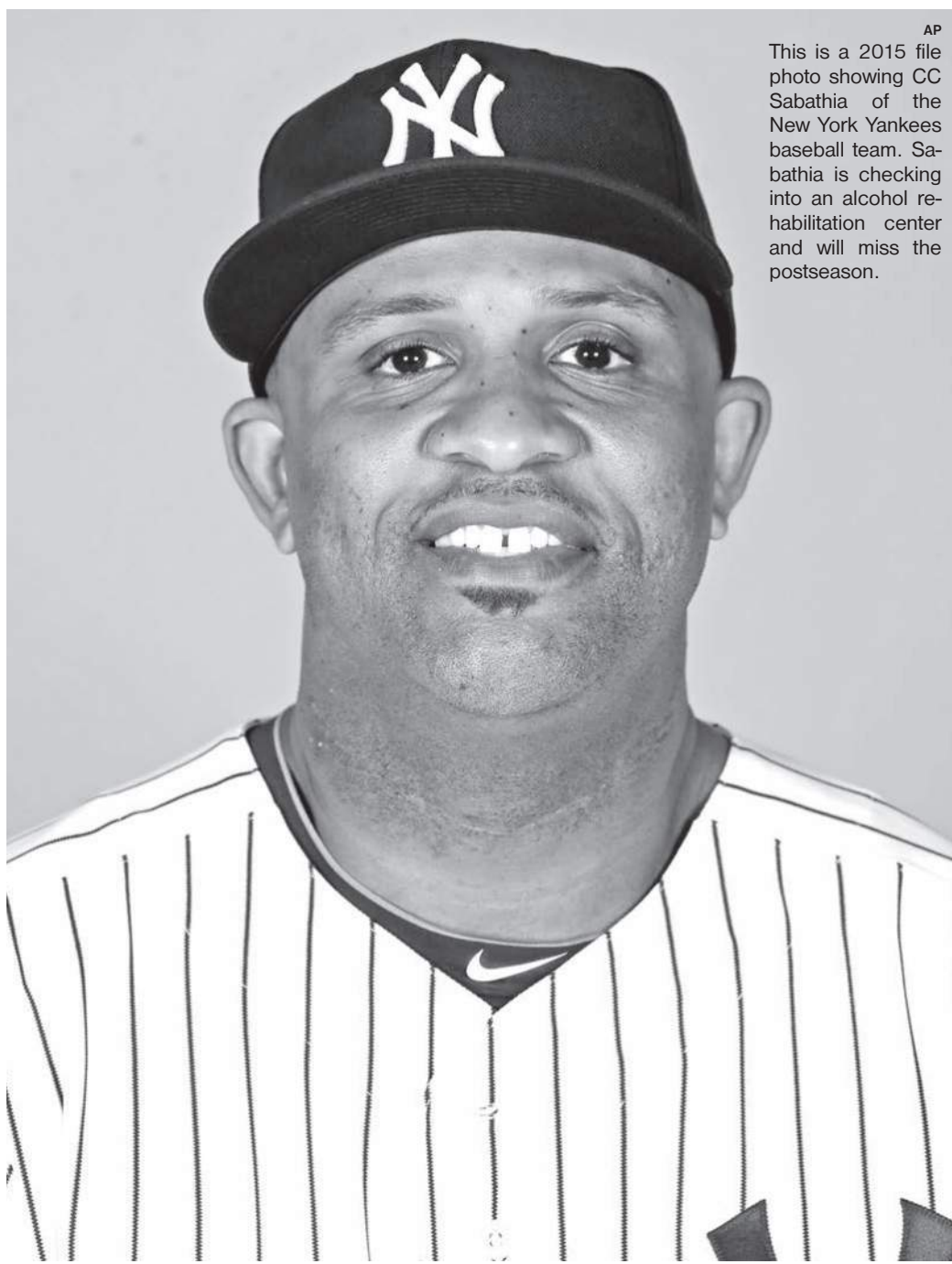
"We play for CC now," Alex Rodriguez said.

Sabathia is 214-129 in 15 major league seasons and was 6-10 with a 4.73 ERA this year, slowed by his surgically repaired right knee. After returning from the disabled list and using a tighter brace, the 300-pound-plus pitcher was 2-1 with a 2.17 ERA in his last five starts. He got the win against Boston last week that clinched the Yankees' return to the postseason following a rare two-year absence.

"As difficult as this decision is to share publicly, I don't want to run and hide," Sabathia said. "Being an adult means being accountable. Being a baseball player means that others look up to you. I want my kids—and others who may have become fans of mine over the years - to know that I am not too big of a man to ask for help. I want to hold my head up high, have a full heart and be the type of person again that I can be proud of. And that's exactly what I am going to do."

General manager Brian Cashman, along with the players and Girardi, would not elaborate on who was involved in helping Sabathia inform the team and come to the decision that he needed immediate help.

But Cashman did say that it



AP
This is a 2015 file photo showing CC Sabathia of the New York Yankees baseball team. Sabathia is checking into an alcohol rehabilitation center and will miss the postseason.

wasn't one incident that affected the timing of the decision, and that no one asked the six-time All-Star to put it off until after the postseason.

"It's an acknowledgement that the issue that he has is bigger than what we are going through right now," Cashman said.

In mid-August, TMZ posted video of Sabathia getting into a confrontation with hecklers outside a nightclub in Toronto.

"I just flipped out, you know? I could have handled it better," Sabathia said a few days later. "Made a bad decision. Sometimes these things happen."

The Yankees' pitching staff struggled in September, with Masahiro Tanaka's hamstring injury and ineffective outings by Michael Pineda and Ivan Nova. If the Yankees beat the Astros, rookie Luis Severino, Pineda, Nova and Tanaka could be their starters in the AL Division Series against Kansas City. Sabathia likely would have gotten a start.

"The fact that it's occurred and this is something we are dealing with the day before our playoffs start makes me that much even more impressed with the courage that it's taken," Cashman said. "He could've come up with a lot of different things to hide whatever he is dealing with right now."

Known for his positive demeanor, charitable work and love of Cap'n Crunch cereal, Sabathia was a first-round draft pick by Cleveland in 1998 and made his big league debut three years later. Convinced they could not afford to re-sign him, the Indians traded him to Milwaukee during the 2008 season, and he helped the Brewers reach the playoffs.

"We're proud of him for stepping up and admitting he had a problem and realizing it's a whole lot more important than what we've got going on around here," Yankees outfielder Brett Gardner said. "Since 2009 he's been a huge part of what we've done around here. ... Definitely would like to play well tomorrow night and advance and make him proud."

Sabathia signed a \$161 million, seven-year contract with the Yankees before the 2009 season and helped New York win the World Series during his first year in the Bronx. Rather than exercise his right to terminate the contract after the 2011 season, he agreed to a new deal - adding a \$25 million guaranteed salary for 2016 and a \$25 million team option for 2017 with a \$5 million buyout. That salary would become guaranteed if he doesn't have a major left shoulder injury next season.

"I am looking forward to being out on the field with my team next season playing the game that brings me so much happiness," Sabathia said.

Nationals fire manager Matt Williams after only 2 seasons

WASHINGTON (AP)—In describing what he will look for in a manager to replace Matt Williams, Washington Nationals GM Mike Rizzo might have been pointing out exactly what he felt went wrong with the man he hired two years ago and fired Monday.

"Leadership qualities, knowledge of the game, X's and O's are all important. Communication in the clubhouse, communication within the coaching staff, is vital," Rizzo said during a telephone conference call. "Experience is always helpful. It always adds a layer of expertise to anybody's resume. We feel that where we're at in our timetable of winning a championship, we certainly would lean toward someone that has some type of managerial experience, especially at the major league level."

Williams, of course, did not, but he had a history with Rizzo. And while Williams was voted NL Manager of the Year for his rookie season in 2014, he is now out of a job because the Nationals failed to make the playoffs after entering the season with World Series aspirations.



AP
In this photo taken Sept. 26, 2015, Washington Nationals manager Matt Williams watches a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies in Washington.

Rizzo delivered the news to Williams in the Nationals Park manager's office the morning after Washington finished the regular season barely above .500 at 83-79, seven games behind the New York Mets in the NL East.

"This entire season was a disappointment," Rizzo said. "It was not our best year. It wasn't Matt's best year. It wasn't my best year. As an organization, it wasn't our best year."

In February, the Nationals

exercised Williams' 2016 contract option. But he presided over a 2015 season filled with defeats, discord and a dugout dustup between NL MVP front-runner Bryce Harper and teammate Jonathan Papelbon during a game the day after the team was eliminated from playoff contention.

Williams said he had no idea of the extent of the skirmish until much later in the day. Even though he was, of course, in the dugout at the time, Williams said he hadn't been aware of

exactly what happened—including that Papelbon grabbed Harper by the throat. None of his players or coaches told him about it right away, and he said he hadn't asked to know more.

"Not one single incident was the tipping point of making a decision with Matt Williams," Rizzo said.

The Nationals also said they will not renew the contracts of the seven members of Williams' staff: bench coach Randy Knorr, pitching coach Steve McCatty, hitting coach Rick Schu, third base coach Bobby Henley, first base coach Tony Tarasco, bullpen coach Matt LeCroy, and defensive coordinator Mark Weidemaier.

Knorr, a candidate for manager when Williams was hired, could be considered for that post again, Rizzo said.

"We're going to bring in a group of people with diverse backgrounds, diverse experiences and diverse skill sets. And I think that's something we did not do last time," Rizzo said. "Last time we brought in managing candidates with little or no managerial experience."

Williams' string of open-to-second-guessing bullpen choices began last year during

Washington's NL Division Series loss to San Francisco. He also was unable to overcome the roster's long list of injuries, including to half of the everyday lineup for stretches: Jayson Werth, Ryan Zimmerman, Anthony Rendon and Denard Span. The ideal lineup was available for only two games all season.

"We had some things that went sideways and we had a whole bunch of injuries," Williams said Sunday, "and not much you can do about that except adjust and move on."

His departure begins an off-season of significant change for a team that won division titles in 2012 and 2014 but could not win a playoff series.

Shortstop Ian Desmond, right-handers Jordan Zimmermann and Doug Fister, and center fielder Span are expected to leave via free agency, while reliever Drew Storen could get traded after losing the closer's job to Papelbon.

"There was a lot more trials and tribulations this year," Rizzo said. "The roster that we had in the winter here and going into spring training was a roster that many, many people felt was a championship roster."

Presidents Cup debate still strong on number of matches

INCHEON, South Korea (AP)—The battle at the Presidents Cup began Tuesday even before the first match.

U.S. captain Jay Haas still doesn't understand why the number of matches was reduced from 34 to 30 for this year's event, meaning he has to sit eight players over three days of team matches.

"You look at our lineup, and it's hard to sit guys," Haas said.

He has another powerful squad at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea with his son, Bill, having the worst world ranking at No. 29. That's still higher than seven players on the International team.

International captain Nick Price remains disappointed that PGA Tour commissioner Tim

Finchem only reduced the number of matches to 30. He said his players lobbied strongly this summer to make it 28 matches, just as it is at the Ryder Cup and the Solheim Cup.

"The Presidents Cup should be on an apples-to-apples basis," Price said. "We seem to think looking at the past that the most excitement there is in an event is when you have a 28-point format. I think the Solheim Cup showed that two weeks ago. So that's something that I think the guys who are going to play ... will continue to push for that."

Americans have believed for years that fewer matches allow a weaker team to hide players. They used to say that about the Ryder Cup, which for years was close even when it appeared



the Americans had the stronger team.

Price said fewer matches allowed for more strategy in team play, and it kept the competition from getting out of hand.

He could easily have been speaking of his own experience in the Presidents Cup, because it hasn't been close for a decade. Ever since a tie in South Africa in 2003, the Americans not only have won the last five times, they have won by an average score of 19-15.

Going back to the inaugural event in 1994, only once has the

International team won. That was in Australia in 1998, which was played two weeks before Christmas.

"I think we've seen in the past that the Presidents Cup needs more excitement," Price said. "It needs to be more closely contested. Certainly most of us on the International team feel that hasn't been the case the last five or six Presidents Cups."

It could use some tension in the final hour Sunday, so maybe this argument will spark even a smidgen of acrimony.

The Presidents Cup begins Thursday with five matches of foursomes (alternate shot), meaning two players from each team won't compete on the opening day. Five matches of fourballs (better ball) follow on

Friday, with two more players having to sit.

On Saturday, there will be four matches of foursomes in the morning and four matches of fourballs in the afternoon, leading to the 12 singles matches.

Previously, everyone played on Thursday and Friday, and only two players sat out the morning and afternoon sessions

on Saturday.

"There's a lot more strategy involved when you have to sit guys out," Price said. "And some people think that you're hiding the weakest players, but in actual fact, what you're doing is putting your strongest team forward. It's a glass half-full or glass half-empty, depends which way you look at it."

Manning aims increase in paddlesports participants

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Dino Manning is hoping that participation in paddle sports would further increase when they host the second race of the Marianas PaddleFest Series on Nov. 7 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan beachside.

Manning, one of the organizers of the event, said their promotion of stand up paddling is also two-fold as they also want kids to have a fun and healthy lifestyle.

"We want to see participation in paddle sports increase overall whether that is on a paddle board or outrigger canoe. We feel that we can promote a fun healthy lifestyle through this approach," said Manning.

Manning added that they also teamed up with the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service in their program of battling childhood obesity in the CNMI.

"I believe that if we can get a child to have fun on a paddleboard or an outrigger canoe, this opens up other options to stay active, have fun and we have the perfect lagoon for these sport," Manning said.

"We have an active outrigger paddling community on island and there is a natural crossover between the two sports."

Manning said, for the moment, they are focused in pro-

moting stand up paddling but plans of adding outrigger canoe racing in the Marianas PaddleFest Series is in the pipeline.

"We hope to include outrigger canoe racing in some of our future events but we are focused on stand up paddling right now because of access to equipment, flexibility, and the learning opportunity that comes with a single-person paddle craft."

Like in the first event last June, which attracted 55 participants, race organizers again scheduled weekly practice sessions that started last Sunday also at the Hyatt beachside. The practice sessions will be every Sunday and run up to Nov. 1.

"We provide an environment at our practice sessions and races that is safe, comfortable and open to all skill levels. The only requirement we have is that participants are comfortable in the water and know how to swim," said Manning.

For more information and registration visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marianas-paddlefest-race-2-registration-18710063303> or register at Windsurfing Saipan located at Hyatt's north side at the beachfront or email oceansoulunlimited@gmail.com or windspn@me.com. Updates will also be posted on the OceanSoul Society Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OceansoulUnlimited>.

All Schools cross country race returns

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The All Schools Cross-Country race returns this month with the series spread out into five Saturdays starting on Oct. 17 at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Airport Field in Dandan.

Northern Marianas Athletics has already sent invitations from all private and public schools to join the annual racing event that will have six age groups, in boys and girls divisions—Under-7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U18.

The age categories were modified to be in line with the new grade level used by the Public School System.

The event will be alternately held at the Airport Field and

at the Civic Center Park since the American Memorial Park, the venue of the finals, is still closed due to the damage it sustained during the onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor last August.

Registration starts at 3pm and is free but students still need to sign up to be allowed to participate and must present a waiver upon joining. Each participating school can enter as many students in each age group.

Elementary students will run 1 mile (1.6-kilometers), 2.1 miles (3.3k) for middle schoolers, and 3.2 miles (5.1k) for high school level participants are the distances for each age group.

The race is set at every 4pm. Oct. 24 (Civic Center) and 31 (Airport Field), and Nov. 7 (Civic Center) and 14 (Airport Field) are the other dates for the event with the fifth Saturday the finals of the series.



Last year long distance runner Seiya Eda and multi-sport athlete Gabrielle Race ruled their respective divisions in the U18 class, while Agape Christian School and Saipan Community School each clinched four team trophies.

Nathaniel Lim and Lyka Sally (boys and girls U14), Ken Song and Carol Lee (boys and girls U12), Kaden Church and Victoria Jade Torres (boys and

girls U10), and Robert Decourtney and Kylie Sablan (boys and girls U8) were the other age group winners.

Medals were given to the top three finishers in each category while all participants received ribbons.

A total of 117 runners from San Vicente Elementary School, Agape Christian School, Saipan Community School, Whispering Palms School, Mt. Carmel School, Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Hopwood Junior High School, and Dandan Middle School joined last year's race.

The NMA is also going to hold two more racing events before the year ends, the Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot in November and the Christmas Island Relay in December.

TAN

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paired with New Zealand's Lana Popovich and won over the host's Kalais Going and Julia Newman yesterday, 7-6 (3), 6-1. A win by Tan and Rengil in today's doubles match would pit the duo against Tapusoa and Popovich provided the latter team will also prevail versus Stella Cliffe and Ashleigh Harvey.

Tan's tournament in New Zealand is a Grade 5 event, which awards 30 ranking points to the singles champion and 20 each to doubles winners. Other points awarded are as follows: 20 for runner-up, 15 to semifinalist, 10 to quarterfinalists, and 5 to Losers in Last 16 in singles and 20, 15, 10, and 5 in the doubles' runner-up, semifinalists, quarterfinalist, and Last 16 losers, respectively.

After her participation in the ITF Waikato-Bays Championships 2015, two more competitions await Tan. She is invited to the UAE Fujairah Junior Cup 2015 that will be held in Dubai from Nov. 2 to 7, but she has yet to decide if she will join next month's Grade 5 contest. Then later this year, Tan will again suit up for the Pacific Oceania Touring Team that will compete in a couple of tournaments in

Australia.

The CNMI junior player, who also saw action in Junior ITF Circuit events in Ho Chi Minh and Da Nang in Vietnam in July, will be traveling to Australia with teammates Carol Lee, Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, and Conatsu Kaga.

OH MY J

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Kulangot, Red Rice, and Oh My J with their identical 5-3 records.

To resolve the tie, league officials first went to the team's win-loss records against each other and Wag Kang Pabebe emerged as the winner and owner of the No. 2 spot with its 3-1 slate. Hard Kulangot and Red Rice had similar 2-2 marks, while Oh My J and Pasion De Amor held 1-1 cards. Hard Kulangot went on to win the tie for the No. 3 seeding with the virtue of its 45-44 victory over Red Rice, while Oh My J settled for the No. 5 spot after its 11-point triumph over Pasion De Amor.

Nate Mateo, Junar Guiab, and Nelson Manangan scored in

double figures in Oh My J's fifth victory with the former nailing a team-high 17 points. Guiab had 11, while Manangan added 11.

Chris Arreza had 19 markers to lead Pasion De Amor, which missed the services of one of its key players—Bart Demapan—in the crucial game. Rey Pestillos and Elmer Esdreton registered 14 points each in the sorry loss.

Meanwhile, the playoff round in the inaugural caging will start this weekend with the second-ranked Wag Kang Pabebe battling Purple Rain this Friday. Purple Rain caught the last bus to the playoffs after finishing the elimination round with a 3-5 record and eliminating Kidlat (2-6). Eh Di Wow (0-8) was the other ousted team.

For the Saturday and Sunday pairings, it will be Hard Kulangot against Pasion De Amor and Red Rice versus Oh My J, respectively. The playoff round has a single-elimination format with the winners in this weekend's matches joining Makalaro Lang in the semifinals next week. In the Final Four, the pairings will be determined via draw, while the championship showdown is a winner-take-all affair.

Oh My J 66 — Mateo 17, Guiab 11, Manangan 11, Enriquez 9, Sablan 8, Asuhan 5, Sanciango 4.

Pasion De Amor 55 — C. Arreza 19, Pestillos 14, Esdreton 14, N. Arreza 6, Conti 2.

Scoring by halves: 35-32, 66-55.

MJD

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Lizama was the third MJD player to hit double figures, adding 11. Five other MJD players contributed at least 5 points each in their debut win.

Jaymark De Guzman paced the Sonics with his 19 markers, while Adrian Palacios chipped in 12. The duo combined for 7 early points and gave the Sonics a 14-5 lead. However, the Sonics could not keep their momentum, while MJD found its rhythm at the halfway mark of the opening period and managed to grabbed the driver's seat at the end of that quarter, 17-16. MJD stole the lead after spreading the wealth in the first canto, as it had six players making it to the board.

In the next three quarters, the game remained close. The opposing teams were back

to square one after the first half, 39-39, and were still in a standoff at the end of the third period, 61-61. In the fourth frame it was a back-and-forth tiff with Errol Peredo, Michael Torregosa, Cecilio Bisana, and Jun Estolas hitting early baskets for MJD and the Sonics also getting points from multiple players to keep up with their foes.

However, the Sonics faltered on the defensive end, allowing Pelisamen to take over the game and win it for MJD. Pelisamen scored MJD's last three field goals and had three crucial free throws in the homestretch.

Meanwhile, the second game in the open division last weekend was halted by rain with KB Market clinging to a 1-point lead against the Hoopaholics, 39-38, with about two minutes left in the second quarter.

Just like the Sonics, KB Mar-

ket is bannered by young players that include Matt Duenas, Ivan Devero, and Leo Galarse.

Duenas exploded for 14 points in the first quarter to lift KB Market to a 22-20 edge. The Hoopaholics remained afloat after the first frame behind the 10 points of Kelvin Fitial. In the second period, it was Leo Galarse's turn to pace KB Market, as he tallied 7 points with his last 3 allowing his team to keep the shaky lead before league organizers suspended play due to rain.

MJD 85 — Pelisamen 25, Lizama 11, De Guzman 10, Torregosa 9, Peredo 9, Bautista 7, Gamboa 5, Estolas 5, Bisana 2.

Sonics 83 — De Guzman 19, Palacios 12, Hernandez 10, Rivera 9, Cadiang 9, G. Flores 8, Sto. Domingo 5, N. Flores 4, Tekopua 3, Bondoc 2, Lim 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-16, 39-39, 61-61, 85-83.

SEDA Awards Ceremony

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The Jokers Darty Flights are the Chichirika Division champions in the last Saipan Electronic Darts Association season's awards ceremony held on Aug. 30, 2015, at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret



The Jokers Kitty Kats were the recipient of the Sportsmanship award in the Ladies Division.



Fanihi Division titleholders Jokers Latte Sparts.

The Flame Tree Division championship went to Jonny's Kyodai.



The Spartans, another team supported by Jokers Bar & Grill, were the kings in the Kingfisher Division.



The Route 33 Mafia finished first in the A Division.



The Sand Juvy Pasaways celebrate their win in the Tuesday B Division.



Sand Juvy owner Sandy Pablo, right, joins members of the Vicious Darties in receiving their trophies.



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Tan joins tournament in NZ

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The CNMI's Tania Tan is in New Zealand, competing in the ITF Waikato-Bays Championships 2015.

She earned a slot to the annual tournament after making it to the girls U14 singles finals of the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last August. However, in the New Zealand event that is being held at the Waikato Tennis Centre in East Hamilton, the 14-year-old Tan is entered in the U18 contest.

The Saipan International School student played her first singles game yesterday against the host's Amelia Lawson at the upper half of the 64-player bracket and lost in straight sets, 2-6, 1-6. In the doubles, Tan will have her opening match today and will team up with Palau's Ayana Rengiil, who drew a bye in the first round of the singles event. The Pacific Oceania pair will be up against the New Zealand tandem of Amy Galloway and



Louise Waite.

Tan and Rengiil are at the bottom half of the draw in the doubles along with fellow Pacific Oceania player Lyla Tapusoa of Samoa. Tapusoa is

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CNMI junior tennis player Tania Tan, right, poses with doubles teammate Ayana Rengiil of Palau at the departure area of the Incheon International Airport while waiting for their connecting flight to New Zealand last weekend.



Oh My J spoils Pasion De Amor's semis bid



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Pasion De Amor's Chris Arreza is double-teamed by Oh My J's Nelson Manangan, left, and Nate Mateo during the first half of their make-up game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Monday at the Navy Hill Court.

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Oh My J denied Pasion De Amor an outright entry to the semifinals of the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League after prevailing in their make-up game, 66-55, last Monday at the Navy Hill Court.

Going into the last elimination round match, Pasion De Amor was gunning for a win that would have tied them with Makalaro Lang (6-2) for the No. 1 spot. Had Pasion De Amor won, it would have prevailed in the tiebreak because it defeated Makalaro Lang, 71-65, last Sept. 23 and the former would have gotten the automatic semis ticket given to the top finisher in the nine-team field.

However, with the loss, Pasion De Amor gave up the outright semis seat to Makalaro Lang and fell in a five-way logjam for the second to sixth spot with Wag Kang Pabebe, Hard

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MJD edges Sonics, 85-83

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MJD won its debut game in the open division of the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League after slipping past the Sonics, 85-83, last Saturday night at the San Antonio court.

Veterans Freddie Pelisamen and Jorge De Guzman drilled important free throws in the closing seconds to lift MJD to the close victory against the young Sonics crew. Pelisamen made a split to break the 83-deadlock, while De Guzman was fouled when he got the offensive rebound after the former's miss from the foul line and went 1-for-1 from the stripe to up MJD's advantage to 2. The Sonics failed to convert on the other end to drop their opener.

Pelisamen top-scored for MJD with his 25 points, registering 11 of the team's last 12 points to thwart the persistent Sonics in a nip-and-tuck game. De Guzman also finished in twin digits with 10, while Jack

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The Sonics' Jaymark De Guzman loses possession as his drive is challenge by MJD's Jack Lizama, left, Jun Estolas, and Jorge De Guzman, right, during the first quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Saturday at the San Antonio court.